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# Centennial Programme

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## FRIDAY, 9th JANUARY

6.00 p.m. Registration and Social at Hall.

7.30 p.m. Banquet.

## SATURDAY, 10th JANUARY

1.00 p.m. Registration

1.30 p.m. Official Opening, followed by Roll Call,  
Decade Photographs and Afternoon Tea.

8.30 p.m. Centennial Ball.

## SUNDAY, 11th JANUARY

10.30 a.m. Thanksgiving Service at School

1.30 p.m. Vintage Parade and Floats

3.30 p.m. Sports.

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*Arthur Grayson*  
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# HINDS SCHOOL CENTENNIAL 1881-1981

**Includes EALING 1892 - 1939  
MARONAN 1921 - 1936**



9th-10th-11th January, 1981



# CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

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*Accommodation:* A. Lilley (Convener), L. Bagrie

*General Committee:* M. Davidson, E. Husband, N. Batty, A. Farrell



# FOREWORD

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It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all those attending the centenary of the Hinds School.

To all former pupils, teachers and committee members, may you have an enjoyable week-end, renewing old acquaintances, and reliving past memories of your times at school.

I would like to give a special welcome to former pupils of the Ealing and Maronan Schools who are joining us in our celebrations.

To the Centennial Committee must go a very special thank-you, we have had a very harmonious group, with everyone having worked very hard to ensure the success of this occasion.

I hope all those attending this centenary will have an enjoyable and memorable reunion.

STUART WILSON,  
Chairman Jubilee Committee





**CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

Back Row : A. Farrell, A. Lilley, L. Bagrie, W. Bell,

3rd Row : P. Wilkins, N. Clarke, L. Rattray, N. Bird, M. Davidson, K. Read, P. Bishop

2nd Row : S. Harris, R. Sheppard, C. Elms, A. Reith, G. Elms, E. Husband, W. Davison, G. Mattingly

Front Row : D. Good, G. Donaldson, P. Elms, S. Wilson, G. Wilson, P. Gibson, K. McConnell

Absent : J. Lilley, A. Clark, N. Batty

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The Centrepiece of the Cover Design is a Reproduction  
of a Wooden Carving by Mr. A. Elms

Photographs :

Top — The Original Building Opened in 1881

Bottom — The School To-day

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The Monogram used on the Centennial Teaspoon and  
Stick-pin was designed by Mrs. G. M. Wilson.



## The District

The school at Hinds, like the school in any other country district, has always figured largely in the lives of the residents. With this in mind the Jubilee Committee asked us to prepare a booklet which contained the story of the school in its 100 years and also a short history of the District.

Hinds was part of Coldstream run first leased off the Crown in 1854 by Scott and Grey. In 1867 they sold their interest to John and Michail Studholme. Coldstream was bounded by the Hinds and Rangitata Rivers in the North and South and in the East by the sea and by the Cracroft and Maronan runs in the West.

The Hinds River was first called Wakara by the Maoris and later Hekeao.

The English name Hinds is after a former Bishop of Norwich, Samuel Hinds, who took a great interest in colonisation. It was named by Captain Thomas of the Canterbury Association and was said to be the only place in the world called Hinds.

The railway was built through Hinds in 1875 by E. G. Wright an engineer who later owned Surrey Hills and Windermere. Mr W. Turton Sen. formed the first track from Rakaia to the Lower Ferry at Rangitata for the Government, costing £300. Before that it was just a bullock track through miles of wavering tussock, matagouri and manuka. When the road was formed Cobb & Co. coaches passed through Hinds, they had to ford the river as there was only a foot bridge on the side of the railway bridge. Mail left by coach three times a week for Lowcliffe and Lismore. The first building at Hinds was the hotel half a mile on the north side of the river. This hotel which was there in 1862 was owned by Grigg and Gill and was one of three in the County at that time, Turton's at Ashburton and Ward's at the lower ferry Rangitata. The trees at the hotel were the only ones between the Ashburton and Rangitata Rivers.

The Railway station which was built in 1875 also housed the Post Office until 1923 when it was moved to a local store for 6 years. The present Post Office was opened on the 16th February 1929.

The School was built in 1881. In 1889 the neighbouring land which was formerly held under crown lease by Mr John Studholme was opened up for selection in blocks of 50 acres, each at an annual rental of 1/- an acre with the right of purchase at 25/- an acre, and a grant of £20 to build a house. The Side School was opened in 1898 with a roll of 27 but this was closed in 1903 and moved to Carew.

The first hotel in the township was owned by Mrs Woolley and was destroyed by fire in 1888. In 1889 the sale yards, and a shearing and dipping company were formed.

The store in Hinds was opened in 1886 by Tom and Andrew Ferris on the site between the present shopping centre and residence. In 1887 two blacksmiths shops were opened, one on ground adjoining the Domain and the other where the Presbyterian Manse on the Main Road was. The blacksmith shop, previously on the site of the present shopping centre, was opened in 1890 by George Tate. It was later owned by Simpsons and then Mr W. J. McDowell. Mr Stan Watson bought the blacksmith shop on the Isleworth road from Mr Goldsmith in 1912. This had been built 2 years prior to this date. This shop was later taken over by Mr Watson's son, Hedley, who was there until 1977 when he retired.

The present road bridge was built in 1939 to replace an earlier wooden one. Mr Cook took the children from school to the opening of this wooden bridge early in his term at Hinds.

The first Church was the Methodist erected in 1887, followed by the Anglican and Presbyterian in 1908, and later the Catholic in 1911. Before this all Church Services were held in the School.

The hall, 50' x 25', was built in 1910 and it cost £300. The builder was Mr Vesty.

The old swimming pool in the domain was dug out in 1920 by Mr R. A. Burnett's father with a horse bucket and dray and the shingle spread on nearby roads. The present swimming pool was opened in 1956 as a war memorial to soldiers of the 1939-45 war, the money being raised with stock drives and gymkhanas.

In the days before most families owned cars and rural populations were more dependent on their local communities Hinds could boast:

2 General Stores, with Delivery Rounds	Post Office
2 Bakeries with Delivery Rounds	2 Blacksmith Shops
A Butchers Shop	Hair Dressing Saloon
A Saddler and Harness Maker	A Large Boarding House
3 Cartage Contractors	Hotel
Domain for football, hockey, tennis, athletic meetings, basketball, rifle shooting; the hall and a cemetery.	Railway Station

Today Hinds is a thriving rural community with many new homes and a population of approximately 277. The population of Hinds taken from census figures, 1976 being the latest available.



Township		Vicinity (2 mile radius)		
1966	276	229	=	505
1976	277	111	=	388

Hinds now consists of a Shopping Centre, 2 Garage and Service Stations, Wayside Tavern, Post Office, 2 Merchandise and Grain Stores, Seed Cleaning Store and Engineers Workshop, 2 Cartage Contractors, a Berry Garden, Lodge Room, Scout and Guide Den and Cemetery. The Hall has recently had large extensions to include new facilities for badminton, supper room, storage and toilets and room for the indoor bowling Club. The people of the district are negotiating at present to build squash courts on the back of the Hall.



**HINDS — 1900**

**The Store and the Blacksmiths Shop is in the background  
The dirt road in the foreground is now State Highway 1**

The Domain now consists of football grounds with a hall and changing rooms, a bowling green with a new pavilion, hockey fields with a pavilion, the rifle range, swimming pool, Plunket rooms, and the grounds now extend as far as the cemetery which allows room for the Pony Club and also the dog trials at the annual gymkhana.

Hinds with its businesses and approximately 35 clubs and service organisations has served the past generations well for 100 years. Our hope is that future generations will see Hinds grow and they will be a community proud of their district and the school.

# Hinds School—The First 50 Years

Opened on January 3, 1881

In June, 1880, residents of Hinds decided that the time was opportune for the erection of a school in the district. With this object in view the first public meeting was held on June 21, at Mr McLennan's residence. The next two meetings were held in the waiting room of the railway station. The following were elected to the first school committee:—Messrs Donald McLennan, Robert Little, James Curtis, Daniel O'Connor, William Liddle, William Bennison and Andrew Gibson (chairman).

As a result of the committee's efforts the contract for the erection of a school building, 42 feet by 22 feet, with cloak-room, was let to Mr J. L. Brown, the architect being Mr A. W. Simpson.

At a meeting on October 15, 1880, the committee experienced some difficulty in arranging accommodation for the first headmaster, who was to commence duties early in 1881 and it was decided to make application to the Board for the erection of a residence, costing £250, the committee considering this sufficient for the district for some time to come. It had been arranged with Mr Gunn, station-master, to board the teacher, but owing to his departure from the district, no other accommodation could be secured apart from that at the hotel.

On December 18, 1880, the committee decided to recommend the appointment of Mr Vernon Chichester as the first headmaster, subject to his obtaining the necessary certificate at the examination then being held. It was also decided to hold a public meeting on December 21, to arrange suitable celebrations at the official opening of the school, a concert and a dance taking place on January 11, 1881. Mr Chichester arrived on January 2, the committee having arranged accommodation at the Maronan station with Mr and Mrs Robert Jeffs, the former being manager for Messrs Wilkin and Carter. This necessitated Mr Chichester and the five Jeff children driving seven miles to and from school.

The school was opened the following day, January 3, the following being enrolled at the opening: Adam Gibson, Walter Langdon Edwards, Andrew Gibson, John McLennan, Donald McLennan, Evan McLennan, Adam McLennan, David Morris, John Finlay Gibson, James Johnson Gibson, Lawrence Edwards, Charles David Ed Jeff, Allice Edwards, Louise Paget, Irene Morris Gibson, Catherine McLennan, Mary Edwards, Jemima Graham, Mary Melville Gibson, Annie Jeff, Harriett Charlott Bailly, Mary Ann Morris, Sarah Paget, John Paget.

At the next meeting of the committee on March 2, it was decided to appoint Miss C. K. Corrigan as sewing mistress and that she be allowed to act as assistant teacher. In November 1881, the chairman (Mr Gibson) offered to plough a few furrows round the ground preparatory to the sowing of one row of new English broom and three rows of bluegum seed. Owing to the dry weather experienced this was postponed until the following autumn.

On December 31, 1881, Mr Chichester, owing to continued ill-health, relinquished his duties. After book-keeping for a term at Tinwald he joined the staff of the Ashburton Borough School but his health did not improve and his death occurred in 1884, much to the regret of his pupils with whom he had been so popular.

On January 1, 1882, Mr Andrew Malcolm, a native of Dairsie, Fifeshire, Scotland, born on March 15, 1839, assumed control of the Hinds School.

He landed in New Zealand in 1881 and in January of 1882 went to Hinds, remaining there for three years, during which time he proved an able successor to the initial headmaster, leaving Hinds in 1884. Mr Malcolm went to Longbeach for two years and in 1886 he moved to View Hill where he remained until 1888, when he was appointed headmaster of the Marshlands school, then known as Rhodes' Swamp. In 1905, he retired on superannuation. His death occurred on October 18, 1909 at Christchurch.

On June 16, 1884, Mr G. F. Bryce, commenced duties, continuing for 11 months, being succeeded by a relieving teacher Mr Hutt, who served until the appointment of Mr George Manning on July 1, 1885. Mr Manning's term expired on October 28, 1886, he being succeeded by Miss Kitchingman on November 1, 1886. Miss Kitchingman had the distinction of being the only female sole teacher during the first 50 years of the school's history. Owing to the increased roll number, the Board eventually agreed to her niece, Miss A. Christian, acting as assistant.

It was during Miss Kitchingman's term that one of the most disastrous fires experienced in the district occurred. A man, in lighting his pipe, threw down a match, and as a strong north-wester was blowing at the time, the long dry grass quickly ignited, the flames spreading rapidly. A shepherd seeing the imminent danger to the school and scholars, rode quickly to give the alarm and get assistance. He found tussock actually burning beneath the school house. Fortunately by his prompt action the fire was extinguished in the vicinity of the school, no damage being done to the school property.

The shepherd was badly scorched and his horse singed. The shepherd in recognition of his prompt action received from the insurance company concerned a suit of clothes and a letter of appreciation.

Nevertheless the fire crossed the railway line in several places, and on the wind changing it worked in a north-westerly direction, with the result that several thousands of acres were but blackened ruins, many settlers suffering severely as a result.



The school narrowly escaped on a second occasion, a bucket of live ashes being forgotten and left standing on the floor. When the master entered the school in the morning he was amazed to find that the bucket had almost entirely disappeared through the floor.

Another interesting episode about this time was that of a boy who had objected to school life, being wheeled to school in a barrow.

Following Miss Kitchingman's term, Mr John McKeague succeeded to the position on May 6, 1890 and remained in office until May 31, 1896. Mr McKeague, in addition to the interest displayed in his school duties, took an active part in the affairs of the district, his principal activities being that of secretary of the newly-established and progressive Sale Yards Shearing and Dipping Company. This company at that time put through approximately 130,000 sheep a year, these coming from as far afield as Flemington and Maronan.



## Football is Introduced

During the first year of Mr McKeague's headmastership, owing to the increase in roll number, it was necessary to appoint an assistant, Miss Dury. It was at this time that football was first introduced to the school. One day, Mr McKeague gave the boys a pleasant surprise when he tossed the first football seen at the school into the arms of athletic Albert Annett, who charged out, surrounded by his excited cheering mates to get in the "first kick".

Mr John McKeague, who was headmaster from 1890 to 1896, was a native of Dublin, where he was born in 1862. He followed the occupation of a teacher in his native country. His first permanent appointment was at Hinds, where he remained for some years, proving himself an able teacher. On leaving Hinds he entered upon journalism, and was appointed editor of the "Ashburton Standard". He was the author of a book on irrigation. Mr McKeague returned Home later and died in London about 1920.

Mr A. R. Malcolm, a son of the second headmaster, acted as headmaster until Mr Sheldon arrived on July 6, 1896. Under Mr Sheldon's tuition, the scholars made good progress. He also maintained a keen interest in public affairs, being an enthusiastic tennis player. Mr Sheldon was a keen disciple of Isaac Walton, pupils having proof of his success from the many gifts of

fish received. Mr Sheldon was no mean shot with the gun, travelling many a mile in quest of game. He visited on many occasions, the West Coast mining and forestry centres to gain first hand information to impart to his scholars, having secured mineral samples. On March 31, 1908, Mr Sheldon transferred to Mount Somers, Miss Dury, the assistant having retired on December 15, 1897.

Mr J. C. Sheldon, before coming to Hinds as headmaster, was six years master at Charing Cross. Leaving Hinds in 1908, he was appointed headmaster at Mount Somers, remaining there until 1919. He was then appointed headmaster at Hilton. There he remained for six years, accepting the headmastership of the Waihoa Downs School, and retiring in April, 1928. He then went to live in Shirley, Christchurch.

From 1881 until the erection of the Public Hall in 1910, the school served a variety of purposes in providing accommodation for all religious and social functions. Many a jolly time was spent into the "wee sma' 'oors of the morning". The holding of these functions necessitated the removal of all movable furnishings and caused considerable inconvenience to pupils and teachers by the misplacing of the scholars' school equipment.

In 1897 owing to the increasing roll number and the distance several large families had to travel, and representations having been made, the Board decided to erect a side school at the corner of Liddle's, Meynell's and Fountaine's Roads; the land having been given by Messrs Liddle Bros. The school was opened in June, 1898, with Miss M. Newman as sole teacher, with a roll number of 27 pupils. On completion of her term of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years Miss Newman was appointed to the St Albans school, eventually becoming infant mistress. She was followed by Miss Emily Gibbs, who served for a similar period. Miss K. Breeze succeeded to the charge which continued until the decreasing numbers due to the exodus of several large families from the district resulted in the closing of the school in 1903.

One amusing incident of note at the side school was the smoking out of the teacher and children through some practical joker blocking the school chimney. This school was afterwards moved to Carew. The side school teacher and pupils annually took part in the combined concert at the main school.

Mr John Cook, who succeeded to the position of headmaster on April 1, 1908, continued in office until September 10, 1929—a period of  $21\frac{1}{2}$  years—having the distinction of occupying the position for the greatest number of years since the school's inception. Mr Cook, after completing his training at the Normal School, saw service in the North Island, in the Auckland district. Coming south he was in charge at Springburn, at Westerfield and at Mount Somers, being appointed from the latter position to Hinds. Mr Cook proved himself a man of high integrity and of a most obliging disposition and possessed of capabilities and initiative of which the district soon became aware. He was instrumental in securing many notable improve-

ments tending toward the welfare of the school, the more outstanding being the establishment of school gardens, a library, swimming classes, erection of a tube rifle range, obtaining of a school organ and alterations to buildings. He also organised a young helpers' league, and a junior cadet corps, also organising the raising of funds for patriotic purposes during the war. Mr Cook also induced the committee to have removed the old gorse fences surrounding the play-ground, to be replaced by more up-to-date post and wire fences.



THE SCHOOL, 1910 — TEACHERS : Mr. COOK AND Miss KENT

Mr Cook was an active participant in all that pertained to the welfare of the district. He was chairman, secretary and caretaker of the Hall at intervals, honorary member of the Farmers' Union, organiser and secretary of the Hinds' Progress Association, local correspondent to "The Ashburton Guardian", an active member and coach of the Ladies' Hockey Club, a member of the Tennis Club, the Athletic Club and president of the Rifle Club. His greatest interests, however, were centred in the Anglican church, of which he was a lay-reader and a senior member of the vestry, having been at times both People's and Vicar's Warden.

The swimming bath which Mr Cook was instrumental in having constructed was a boon to the swimming enthusiasts of the district.





THE SCHOOL, 1922 — TEACHERS : Mr. COOK AND Miss PERCY

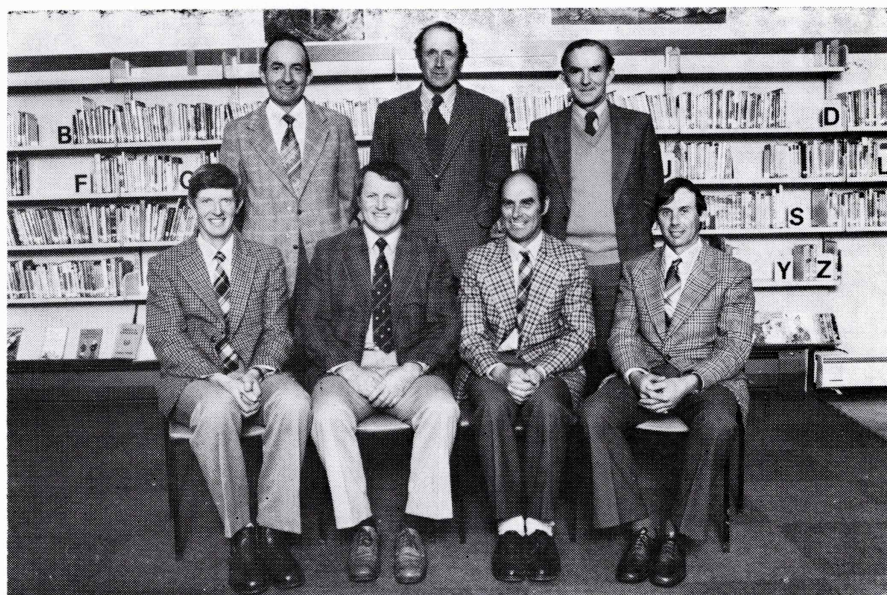
Mr E. Morrin took up his duties on September 10, 1929, and stayed until 1931. The assistant teachers with their terms of service were as follows: Miss Dury 1891-97, Miss K. Newton 1898-99, Miss Maxwell 1901-03, Miss E. Gear 1904-05, Miss F. E. Kent 1909-12, Miss M. Hayes 1913-19, Miss D. Gudsell 1919-20, Miss E. M. Percy 1921-24, Miss E. O. Gunn 1924-27, Miss M. J. Goad, February 1, 1928-1931 and Miss N. F. Cowan June 4, 1930.

The following were relieving assistants: Miss J. Howie (6 months), Miss L. Gruar (2 months), Miss Moore (2 months), Miss McFadgen (1 year), Miss Saunders (4 months), Miss E. F. Steeds (6 months), Miss E. M. McLean (4 months), Miss H. Chisholm (3 months), Miss D. Kearns (2 months), Miss Pratt (11 months), Mr J. M. Tait (acting-headmaster, 1 month), Miss D. Pellington (1 month), Miss M. Blake (1 month), Miss S. Hampton (1 month).

## THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Let us do full honour to these men who have done so much for all of us during 100 years, and who still do so much although now shorn of much of their power. Committeemen of old appointed the teacher, paid the teacher, declared the holidays, and dealt with parents who would not send their children to school regularly.

“A letter was read from the School Master reporting that Mrs X had entered the School and interfered with the School Master in the discharge of his duties, and stating that if he was interfered with in the school discipline he would decline to act as School Master.”



**SCHOOL COMMITTEE — 1980**

Back Row : G. Donaldson, K. McLaren, I. E. Mee  
Front Row : S. Wilson, A. Farrell, N. McConnell, W. Bell  
Absent : K. McKenzie

“In reference to Mr Y not giving the ages of his children it was proposed that the Chairman write to Mr Y and if he still refused, then write to the Board of Education for advice.”

“It was proposed that no School Master be allowed to beat a child in Hinds School with a stick, but must chastise with a strap. Carried unanimously.”

“Signing Cheques. It was agreed that the Chairman sign two blank cheques before leaving for Australia so that the teacher’s salary could be paid in the Chairman’s absence.” Note: Teacher’s salary was £8.14.2 per month.

“Resolved to close the School on Thursday and Friday, 19th and 20th April for the purpose of getting the School in readiness for the concert to be held on the evening of the 20th April.”

“Proposed that the School break up on Friday next and a fortnight’s holiday be given.”



"That the Chairman be instructed to write to parents re non-attendance, letter to be first submitted to Committee for approval." And the following is the letter that the Committee approved at the next meeting.

"I am instructed to inform you that at the last meeting of the Hinds School Committee (considering the small average attendance) and in face of the Board's reductions, the Committee earnestly and respectfully request that all children of school age residing in the Hinds School District must attend School, no excuse will be accepted for non-attendance (except sickness) should the parents after this notice detain their children at home the Committee without respect to any will enforce the compulsory clause of the Education Act. Further, in the event of any scholar being required at any time from School the parents must signify the same in writing to the Head Teacher or the scholar will be reported absent."

"Proposed and seconded that the Chairman write to the School Master re bucket which was for exclusive use of school children but has been appropriated to house use. Carried."

"Proposed and seconded that the Chairman write a note to Mr G and inform him that unless he sends his children to school the committee will be reluctantly compelled to put the law in motion to compel him to do so. Carried."

"That the Chairman see Mr T and get him to play at the concert and dance, to find his own piano if possible."

"The Master in his report asked the Committee to provide broomsticks in lieu of rifles for the boys' military drill and wooden dumb-bells for both boys and girls for physical exercises."

Present-day Committee-men will read these extracts with interest, and will probably feel relieved that they have been shorn of much of their power. Maybe looking back from our present position there is some humour in these extracts, but there is also a hint of drama. Although there is humour, we cannot laugh at those committee-men of yester-year they were sincere and we can thank them for much that we enjoy today. Let us remember that they often walked miles to attend meetings and brought their lamps and candles with them. It is interesting to note that prior to the building of the School meetings were held in the Railway waiting-room or in a member's home.

Minutes of Committee meeting held March 1884: Next meeting to be held the nearest Friday night before the full moon.



In the early days the School was used for meetings, dances etc. charges in 1909 were, Dance 15/-; concerts for local funds 6/-; meetings 2/6.

1909—Farewell to Miss Greer, the gift to be a purse of sovereigns.

1910—Women's Temperance Union urging the desirability of having women on School Committee.

1910—School granted to Dean O'Donnell for religious instruction after school on Fridays.

School concert held in new Hall, 22nd December, 1910.

1911—Rev. Rogers granted permission to hold religious instruction after School on Mondays.

In 1922 scripture classes were commenced and are still being continued today. Each Wednesday the Priest and five lay women conduct scripture in each of the Classrooms.

1937—Sale of hares £7.4.0 and 9 rabbits for 6/7.

1937—First buses commenced. Milk in School commenced.

1946—Mr J. Davidson donated medals to a Senior pupil for citizenship, these were presented for several years.

1955—After comments of women on School Committee in minutes of 1910 it was 45 years before Mrs C. Read was elected as a member. Mrs Janet Good was elected to Committee in 1969 followed by Mrs Karen McIntyre in 1973. They were both secretaries during their term on the Committee.

1966—Don Clark, Peter Snell and Bert Sutcliffe visited School.

1967—Milk discontinued.

1972—Sound system installed £248, renewed seating under trees and new gates erected with donation from Jubilee committee.

1973—Paddys market realised \$1,600.

May 1975—Committee purchased 68 calves at \$35 and 16 at \$30. Sold them in November for a profit of \$2,240.

1980—Purchased new projector \$853.

## School Committees (By L. A. Gourley)

Many hours have been put in by School Committees throughout the years; hours working in the school grounds, hours planning innovations and amenities for the children and the teachers, hours holding Committee meetings.

I remember very well getting home about midnight from most Hinds School Committee meetings and then shifting to a town school where the Committee finished about 8.30 p.m. After my first town meeting my wife quite innocently asked me if we didn't have a meeting, but I had to tell her that the town was quite different from the country, that we had had our meeting and that it was all washed up in an hour. But the country members had more in common, and could discuss at length the work on the farms and the general district politics, but never once did they forget the welfare of the pupils or the teachers. Look around the school and the grounds and you will see the results of those many hours spent by your School Committees.

Yes, a great debt of gratitude is owed to School Committee members, past and present, by pupils, ex-pupils, teachers and parents.



## SCHOOL GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

The school was built in November 1880. The present infant building has undergone several changes. First it contained one room which was later partitioned by a curtain and later by a permanent wall. Later still, as the roll numbers increased the building was extended northwards and folding doors were added to give three rooms.

Master's house was asked for in 1882 but first mention in minutes is where a fence was erected round the residence in 1886.

In 1884 Board gave £10 for trees and planting around grounds. It was not until the end of 1939 when children were admitted from Maronan 1937 and Ealing January 1940 that the new open air building was erected. This was opened by Mr T. D. Burnett member of Parliament on December 10th, 1939.

For a period classes were held in the shelter shed. When the new building was completed the roll number was too great for that building alone and so the old building was still used. It is still being used and may need to be used for some years yet.

After 100 years of constant use it is in a remarkably good state of repair.

In 1884 a small hand bell was purchased for assembling the pupils and it was not until 1891 that the larger bell was erected on the roof of the building.

**MOVING OLD SCHOOL — 1969**

This bell was later moved to a position over the porch where it remained until 1956 when it was moved to its present position.

The concrete tablets around trees were purchased in 1937, also the radio for £17 speakers £3.13.6 and gramophone £2.2.0.

In 1952 Mr J. Lewis built the swimming pool for £600; this has been a great help for teaching the younger children to swim. In 1957 the dressing sheds and fence around baths were built costing £248.

The jungle gyms were purchased in 1956.

In 1961 a big improvement to the grounds was made with the incorporation of the road into the school property—this had separated the main playing field, the only evidence now is the smaller trees at the western side of the grounds where the road used to be.

The dental clinic room was built in 1957. Prior to this the dental nurse used the staff room and before the 1940 period children attended Borough dental clinic. Dental treatment became free in 1941. Prior to this a fee had to be paid for treatment.

1967 saw the addition of a new administration block being built on the east end of the main building. This included a staff room, principal's office and toilets.



In 1969 the old school was moved to the south-west corner of the grounds leaving a much improved outlook to the main buildings and grounds.

While this was taking place classes were held in the Scout Den. A new boiler house was built in 1971 using an automatic coal burner and a much improved heating system.

1972 saw the addition of a relocatable classroom.

The school houses were erected in the following years:

1964 an assistant master's house.

1975 Headmaster's house renewed and old one demolished after 90 years' service.

Third teachers' residence completed in 1976.

New library opened on 14th April, 1976.

Filtration plant for pool installed 1977 costing \$1,188.

1979 saw the extension to the ends of tennis courts \$1,300.

Playcentre moved from hall to own building in school grounds in 1978.

The latest additions to buildings were the new toilets, added to main building and Infant block in 1979, and the old toilets were turned into store rooms.

## HINDS SCHOOL — HEAD TEACHERS

1881	H. V. Chichester	1945-46	W. L. Stewart
1882-83	A. Malcolm	1947-49	E. G. Pankhurst
1884	T. F. Brace	1950-58	L. A. Gourley
1885	G. C. Manning	1959-62	N. Garden
1886-89	Miss A. Kitchingman	1962	S. G. Ellis
1890-95	J. McKeague	1962-63	G. A. Carswell
1896-07	J. C. Sheldon	1964-73	D. B. Fahy
1908-29	J. Cook	1974-75	E. N. Graham
1929-31	E. W. Morren	1976-81	I. E. Mee
1932-44	D. J. McDonald		



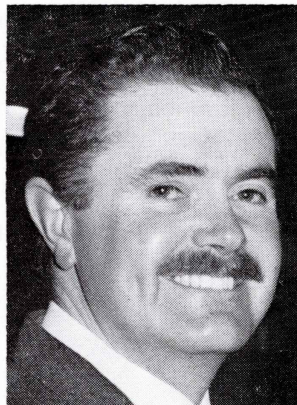
Mr. J. COOK, 1908 - 1929



Mr. D. J. McDONALD, 1932 - 1944



Mr. L. A. GOURLEY, 1950 - 1958



Mr. D. B. FAHY, 1964 - 1973

## HEADMASTERS, 1930 – 1980

Mr E. W. Morren came from Otekaieke School (via Oamaru) to Hinds in 1929 and stayed 3 years, leaving in 1931. He moved to Lime Hills then to Castlecliff (Wanganui) and at the time of his death he was under appointment as headmaster of Kaiti School, Gisborne.

Mr D. J. McDonald came to Hinds from Makikihi in 1932 and was at Hinds until 1944 a term of 12 years. Because of ill health he had to retire early and went to live in Christchurch where he died at 52 years of age.

The late Mr W. L. Stewart came to Hinds in 1945 from Wyndham where he had been for nine years. After 18 months he went to Hawarden D.H.S. where he stayed 5 years, Waltham 3 years, and Rangiora 5 years before retiring in 1961.

Mr E. G. Pankhurst came to Hinds from Grey Main School, Greymouth, in 1947 after 3 years at Hinds he went to Kaitangata for 2 years and then to South Invercargill for 5 years. He retired from there because of ill health, and he passed away in 1958.

Mr L. A. Gourlay, like Mr McDonald, came from Makikihi after teaching at Hinds for 9 years he went to Oamaru North for 10 years. On retiring from primary teaching he spent 4 years secondary teaching at Waitaki Boys' High School.

Mr N. Garden came to Hinds from Arrowtown in 1959 and was here until 1961, a term of 3 years. After leaving Hinds he completed his teaching career at Borough School Ashburton where he taught for 10 years. For the next 5 years he was administrator of the Centre for Intellectually Handicapped at Tinwald.

The late Mr S. G. Ellis, who served overseas in the Air Force during the Second World War, returned and took up teaching, firstly at Waimate, Beaumont, Methven, Culverden, Waiau and had only been at Hinds for approximately six weeks in 1962, when he passed away very suddenly at the schoolhouse.

Mr G. A. Carswell was 7 years at Kapuni before coming to Hinds in 1963 where he stayed for one year, then moving to Christchurch East School where he spent 7 years before retiring. After retirement he was secretary to the N.Z. Educational Institute for 5 years.

Mr D. B. Fahy came to Hinds from Springburn in 1964 and stayed 9 years. After leaving Hinds he was at Halswell for one year, one year at Aorangi and is principal of Roydvale School at present where he has been for three years.

Mr E. Graham, prior to coming to Hinds in 1974, was Deputy Principal at College Street Normal School, Palmerston North. After completing 18 months at Hinds, he moved to Manning Intermediate School, Christchurch for 2 years. He is now principal at Forbury School, Dunedin. This School caters for physically handicapped children and children with partial sight as well as the children who attend the regular classes, Infant to Std. 4.

#### IVAN E. MEE (1976-1980)

Mr Mee, the present principal, trained at Dunedin Teachers' College from 1942-44. After holding relieving positions in Otago country schools, Mr Mee was appointed as principal of Carew School, serving there for 2 years before being transferred to Peel Forest School. Here, 9 years service at Peel Forest School was followed by service at Benhar, South Otago, and St. Leonard's, a Dunedin suburb. Eight years as principal of Centennial Park School, in Te Kuiti, and a year at Paparaurumu School was followed by his appointment to Hinds School in 1976.



## LIST OF KNOWN TEACHERS, 1930 – 1980

Miss J. Allen  
 Mrs J. Archibald  
 Mr I. Archibald  
 Mr B. Bateman  
 Mr N. Batty  
 Mr D. Baird  
 Miss M. Bartlett  
 Miss L. Barton  
 Miss J. Bain  
 Miss J. Beasley  
 Miss E. Bell  
 Miss Bessie Bell  
 Miss A. Beckingsale  
 Miss Bishop  
 Miss Broom  
 Miss Brick  
 Miss K. Boserio  
 Mrs Brooker  
 Mr Broaker  
 Mr Burnell (R.H. 1962)  
 Miss K. Calderwood  
 Miss J. Carstensen  
 Miss S. Cattermole  
 Miss B. Chisnall  
 Miss M. Corbett  
 Miss S. Charman  
 Mrs M. Chalmers  
 Mr B. Cobb  
 Mr Cook (R.H. 1962)  
 Miss R. Dixon  
 Miss R. Dixon  
 Miss T. Duffy  
 Mrs M. Dodds  
 Mrs H. De Jager  
 Miss J. Driscoll  
 Miss Eddie  
 Miss Ellis  
 Mr E. Eyres  
 Mrs Filer  
 Mrs P. Ferriman  
 Mr A. Greyburn  
 Miss M. Greyburn  
 Mrs J. Gibson  
 Mr R. Gibson

Mr G. Gower  
 Miss J. Gray  
 Miss A. Gunn  
 Miss Gwaffe  
 Mr D. Hales  
 Miss K. Hampton (R.H. 1945)  
 Mrs Hamilton  
 Miss Honeywell  
 Mr J. Hornblow  
 Mrs H. Hurst  
 Mr H. Hawkhead  
 Mrs P. Jackson  
 Mrs W. Jones  
 Miss G. Kelly  
 Miss J. Knox  
 Miss King  
 Miss H. Kirk  
 Miss Limbrick  
 Miss Livesay  
 Miss Lock  
 Miss D. Lloyd  
 Miss Lynch  
 Miss E. Lynn  
 Mr P. Love  
 Miss R. Mathias  
 Miss McLauchlan  
 Miss G. MacIlroy  
 Mr R. McDougal  
 Miss L. Maginness  
 Miss T. Maxwell  
 Miss M. McKay  
 Miss J. McKenzie  
 Miss M. McConnell  
 Miss McDonald  
 Mrs K. McIntyre  
 Miss McNamara  
 Mrs J. Morrow  
 Miss Megget  
 Mrs B. O'Brien  
 Mr B. O'Brien  
 Miss M. O'Grady  
 Miss M. O'Sullivan  
 Miss Palmer  
 Miss Peddy

Mrs C. Pooch  
 Mr I. Pooch  
 Miss Porter  
 Miss V. Quigley  
 Mr J. Reid (R.H. 1976)  
 Miss H. Reid  
 Miss J. Roddick  
 Mr T. Rooney  
 Mrs E. Scott  
 Mrs D. Scott  
 Miss J. Scott  
 Miss T. Simms  
 Miss M. Small  
 Miss A. Seymore  
 Miss K. Syme  
 Miss M. Sullivan  
 Miss M. Srhoy  
 Mrs V. Srhoy  
 Miss J. Smith

Mr K. Smith  
 Mrs South  
 Mrs J. Tinkler  
 Miss S. Tait  
 Miss A. Turton  
 Miss E. Thomas  
 Miss L. Vanboxdale  
 Miss H. Watson  
 Miss S. Watson  
 Miss B. Webster  
 Mrs J. Whiting  
 Miss White  
 Mr J. Williams (R.H. 1950)  
 Mr Williamson  
 Mr Wiseman  
 Mr R. Wisnesky  
 Mrs J. Wilson  
 Miss R. Yeadon  
 R.H.—Relieving Head

## HINDS SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

1881 A. Gibson  
 1882 J. A. Fountaine  
 1883 W. Chisnall  
 1884-85 F. B. Brine  
 1886 W. T. Norrish  
 1888-91 D. Grant  
 1892 J. Thorne  
 1893-94 J. Keays  
 1895-98 D. Millar  
 1899 W. J. McDowell  
 1900 D. Miller  
 1901 J. Tait  
 1902-03 D. McKenzie  
 1904 D. Miller  
 1905-09 D. McKenzie  
 1910-12 Rev. J. H. Rogers  
 1913-25 J. M. Hampton

1926 A. McKenzie  
 1927-31 W. Musson  
 1932 R. G. Thompson  
 1933 T. McPherson  
 1934-38 C. W. Keeley  
 1939-45 J. Davidson  
 1946 R. A. Telfer  
 1948-56 C. Elms  
 1957-58 M. Wilson  
 1959-62 J. Jones  
 1963-66 R. Wakelin  
 1967-70 K. McConnell  
 1971-73 J. Ponder  
 1974 E. Husband  
 1975-76 A. Wright  
 1977-81 A. Farrell

## COMMITTEES FROM 2/11/36

1936-37	F. W. Keeley D. Rickard T. Gill T. Williams D. Lister J. Davidson D. Tie	F. Tait L. Steel S. McKeage
1938-39	F. W. Keeley S. Tie J. Davidson A. D. Lister M. Williams J. A. Young Mr J. Davidson H. White J. D. McQuilkin H. Bell A. Basis E. Clements	1946-47 R. D. Telfer T. Lowe C. Elms S. McKeage A. Robertson F. Tait E. Parsons
1940-41	J. Davidson J. McQuilkin E. Andrews H. White H. Bell J. D. Creighton S. Webster C. Elms E. Clements	1948-49 R. D. Telfer S. McKeage C. Elms A. Hawke L. D. Crowe A. Robertson E. Parsons
1942-43	J. Davidson H. Bell C. Elms J. D. McQuilkin E. Andrews E. Clements A. Lowe	1950-51 Mr C. Elms S. McKeague E. Parsons A. Robertson A. Hawke W. Lowe A. Ellis
1944-45	J. Davidson B. Telfer J. D. McQuilkin A. Lowe C. Elms	1952-54 C. Elms J. McCracken R. Ferriman A. McLaren A. Ellis W. Lowe M. Wilson
		1955-56 C. Elms A. McLaren M. Wilson W. Lowe R. Ferriman R. Watson Mrs C. Read A. Ellis J. Corbett



1957-58	M. Wilson C. Elms R. Watson A. McLaren J. Jones R. Ferriman L. Edgar C. Bell J. Bishop	J. Ponder R. Moore N. King
1959-60	J. Jones R. Watson L. Edgar R. Ferriman C. Bell J. Bishop G. Thompson W. D. Keeley G. Lill	1969-70 K. McConnell J. Ponder R. Bennett L. Rattray R. Blair A. Maude Mrs J. Good
1961-62	J. Jones R. Watson G. Lill W. D. Keeley D. Edgar G. Thompson R. Wakelin J. Bishop L. McDowell	1971-72 J. Ponder R. Blair A. Howden E. Husband W. Bird Mrs J. Good A. Farrell
1963-64	R. Wakelin J. Bishop L. McDowell A. Harris D. Chisnall R. Watson L. Watson	1973-74 J. Ponder Mrs J. Good E. Husband A. Howden F. Sugrue Mrs K. McIntyre W. Bird
1965-66	R. Wakelin D. Chisnall L. Watson A. Harris R. Bennett K. McConnell N. Inwood	1975-76 A. Wright A. Reith N. McConnell J. Dunlop Mrs K. McIntyre R. Wilson A. Askin
1967-68	K. McConnell D. Chisnall R. Bennett L. Rattray	1977-78 A. Farrell N. McConnell A. Askin S. Wilson W. Bell G. Donaldson Mrs K. McIntyre
		1978-79 Mr A. Farrell G. Donaldson N. McConnell W. Bell K. McLaren S. Wilson K. McKenzie

## HINDS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSN.

A social evening organised by Mr L. A. Gourlay, headmaster, and other teachers was held at the school on 1st May, 1951. It was decided to form a Home and School Association, Mr A. McLaren was elected first president and Mr C. McCracken elected first secretary-treasurer. The first committee members were the president, secretary, Mrs R. Donaldson, Miss A. Seymore and Messrs N. Brooks, A. Gourlay and Scarf. A fee of 2/6 per family was agreed on by all as a subscription to defray expenses. It was decided to call the body the Hinds Home and School Association, the idea being to interest not only parents of children at school but all members of the Hinds district. In 1955 the Home and School became affiliated with the Canterbury Parent-Teacher Association.



**PARENT - TEACHER ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE — 1980**

**Back Row : K. Lilley, P. Reith, J. Wilson**

**Front Row : P. Gibson, J. Prendergast, B. Wilson, N. Batty**

The aim of the Home and School was to strengthen the link between the parents and teachers in a way that would be of benefit to the children. Over the years the link has strengthened, the attendance at the meetings has been strong and parents have always been well informed of school activities. Teachers have attended meetings regularly and have always been available for parents to discuss their children, or just generally get to know each other.

Travel talks with films and slides have been by far the most popular kind of entertainment. We have heard and seen slides from all over the world from the deep south of Antarctica and Campbell Island to the far north of Russia and Canada. Talks and slides from local people who have been to Olympics, Paraplegic games, All Black tours, Expo '70 World Fairs, Snowy River Project, Manapouri Power Scheme, Deep Freeze activities and F1 and F2 children have given reports on their educational trips to Wellington.

Classroom activities have always been popular, too, with teachers giving parents lessons on reading, writing, maths and in later years metric weights and measures.

The school library has always been of interest to the Home and School. In 1965 an appeal was made to parents for funds to buy new books for the library and after a successful appeal a donation of £80.7.0 was given to the School committee for library books.

In the early years of the Home and School the evening took the form of a social when games were played, followed by the business part of the meeting and then perhaps a guest speaker. The subscription stayed the same until 1976 when it was increased to 50c per family.

Mr D. Moffat was President for 5 years, Mrs R. Bennett Secretary 7 years, and Mr T. Major 6½ years Secretary.

J. PRENDERGAST,

President, Parent - Teacher Association.

## CARETAKERS

Early School Committees seemed to have quite a lot of trouble getting caretakers and much of their business concerned this matter.

The earliest caretakers were: David Morris in 1883 and Mrs Hickey in 1886—their yearly salary was £5. Mr Cook was caretaker for most of his term at Hinds in the years up to 1928; Mr and Mrs Greyburn were caretakers from 1936 until 1946 at a salary of £25 per annum; Mr Annett then commenced duties and was caretaker until August 1953; Mrs F. Tait was caretaker August 1953-September 1954; Mrs Parsons commenced in 1954-1973—19 years; Mrs Burrows from 1974-1976; Mrs Duffy for a year in 1977.

Mrs Bota with the help of her family commenced in 1978 and they are still keeping the school and grounds in a very clean and tidy appearance at the time of the Centennial.



## A CARETAKER TAKING CARE

By a Past Headmaster

Perhaps an unprepossessing sight in his old colourless clothes topped off with his old greasy cap, but an ex-pupil of one of the earliest decades of this school and mighty proud of his old school, too. Follow him around the school with his broom and bucket, and you will see him conscientiously sweeping under all the desks and the tables. When he has all the dusty, dirty rubbish in one heap, he will collect it in his hands and deposit it in his bucket; to him a hearth brush and shovel were unknown and unnecessary evils. But he always kept the school tidy and warm for the pupils.

I can well remember one very frosty night going off to bed well after eleven o'clock and seeing a light in one of the classrooms; I had to venture out into the cold to see that all the lights were out and the school locked up for the night. Imagine my surprise on seeing the old caretaker, completely covered in a long overcoat, his head out of sight in a balaclava with only his faithful old eyes and grey moustache showing. It was such a cold night he was so afraid of what the heavy frost would do to the water-heater that he had come over at that late hour to keep it going all night. I left him to it, but thought what a boon to a school to have such a faithful old caretaker, and what a warm school we had next day.

And when your time came in due course, and you arrived in heaven, Bert, I bet St. Peter put you to work with your broom and put you in charge of all the heaters.

## SCHOOL ROLL NUMBERS OVER THE YEARS

The school opened with a roll of 19 and by 1890 had grown to 36 when the first assistant teacher, Miss Dorie, was appointed. By 1897 the roll had risen to 70 and in the following year the Side School was opened with a roll of 27 leaving 50 at the Main School. 1910 saw the roll at 90.

With the consolidation of Ealing and Maronan Schools with Hinds and the establishment of Public Works camps in the area, the 1940's saw a sharp increase in the roll to 165. This number was not maintained, and dropped to 120 in 1950 but by 1957 the roll had risen again and peaked at 242 that year. Since then it has fallen to 206 in 1960 and the present roll is 150.

Thus the staff has grown from a single teacher in 1881 to six teachers in the 1950-1970 years, and back to 5 teachers at present.

During the first 50 years, 1881-1930, 1,098 pupils attended the school; the second 50 years. 1931-1980, saw 1,865 attend; a total for the century of 2,963.

## SCHOOL CLERICAL STAFF

Mrs M. McDougall       -1972  
Mrs M. S. MacPherson 1973-74  
Mrs L. Bird               1975-80

## SCHOOL PICNIC

Here is the first evidence of a School Picnic gleaned from the minutes of a School Committee Meeting held on 20th December, 1883.

“With regard to picnic proposed and seconded, that the picnic be held at Longbeach and that Mr Grigg be written to requesting permission to allow the children the run of his estate, and that the event take place on the first Friday in the New Year. Mr Malcolm kindly promised to borrow traps for the occasion.

“Proposed and seconded that the sum of one pound be given for small prizes for the children and the money be given to Mr Malcolm to procure them for the events. It was agreed to start from Hinds School about eight o'clock.”

Picnics were held at Tinwald Domain during the 1919-20 years.

From 1908 picnics were held at Caroline Bay, Timaru—most people travelling there by train. The train journey to Timaru and back was a highlight of the school year for many pupils as this was the only ride they had on a train, and from the stories told of early days it seems as though some of the Dads enjoyed their day at Timaru also.

1953 was the last picnic at Timaru. Geraldine was then chosen for the picnics until 1975 when the picnic was held at Temuka where it is still held to-day. There is a good swimming pool there and very good picnic facilities at the Temuka Domain plus the tennis courts where the Parent and Child tennis tournament is held on Picnic Day.

## RADIO LESSON — 1930

The big day arrived for our very first Radio Lesson. Mr Morrin, our headmaster, marched us over to his home to hear this broadcast. The first time many of the pupils had ever heard a radio. We shuffled into the living room and seated ourselves around the floor. One of the boys had a very short radio lesson, being sent back to school because of some minor lapse in behaviour. The lesson began and we listened to a lady conducting a singing class and we all marvelled at the wonder of it all. The singing ability of the school didn't show any marked improvement.

## SCHOOL BUSES

Look out at the school entrance about 8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. and you will see the children arriving in the school buses from east, west, north and south; in the summer dressed in light clothes and carrying their swimming togs and tennis racquets, and in the winter well wrapped up in their overcoats with their noses showing red. Then in the afternoon you will see them waiting for their buses to take them back to their homes.

This bus service has gone on for years and some of the drivers it would be well for us to remember; Fred Scott who lived in a hut at the garage and Mrs Donaldson who drove for so many years. The drivers kept their buses clean and tidy and supplied with petrol, and it was the garage's job to have the buses serviced at regular intervals. Then the planning and re-planning of routes had to be arranged by the Education Board.

These buses with the planning, servicing, cleaning and driving over the years have enabled the Hinds School to function as a consolidated school serving a wide district.

The children have come from the four points of the compass and have had much to offer the School on the academic and sporting sides, and have joined in very well with the local children to make this a good school.

—L. A. Gourlay

## A School Bus Driver

Driving a school bus full of often noisy pupils may not appeal to everyone, but to Mrs J. Donaldson, of Hinds, it was more of a hobby than a job. Mrs Donaldson was a familiar face to pupils and other drivers as she drove her school bus around Hinds and into Ashburton and back.

She started driving a school bus in 1940 when the driver of one of the two buses owned by Mrs Donaldson and her husband, was called into the Army. With her husband, Mrs Donaldson drove the bus for some years and in 1947 they were sold, and since then a bus owned by the Education Board has been used.

About 1953 Mrs Donaldson again drove the bus as no other driver was available, taking her daughter too! Mrs Donaldson had two runs morning and night each day and travelled a total of 100 miles daily. Her work began at half-past seven in the morning when she checked the bus for petrol, tyres,



etc. and her first bus trip was around Hinds where she collected 31 primary pupils and 10 secondary. She then re-loaded 31 secondary and six primary school pupils and these were taken to Ashburton College and Tinwald School. This was completed by five minutes past nine and at half-past two in the afternoon Mrs Donaldson again drove to Ashburton for the start of her afternoon run.

Between the bus trips Mrs Donaldson would do her housework ("I work it to suit the bus") and any spare time was spent in her garden. With a sunny smile and a happy nature Mrs Donaldson was an ideal bus driver. "They're not bad on the whole," she said, speaking of her passengers. "On sports days they get very excited and I have to let them have their heads for a bit, but they're quite good."

Having driven for so many years Mrs Donaldson was finding that she was driving the children of pupils she used to take to school many years ago. "If they are being naughty, I just told them their father didn't do that," she said.

At Christmas time she received many presents and once while in hospital she was sent a tray full of flowers. Her passengers had all saved their money and bought them for her.



Mrs. DONALDSON'S EARLY BUS



EDUCATION BOARD BUS

Over the years Mrs Donaldson and her bus have survived many happenings, and in the worst weather, the school bus had to get through. However, in the year of 1945 there was both a severe snowstorm and a flood, and these stopped the run for a few days. "In the snowstorm I ran a car to the farms each day for about a week, and then when I took the bus a shovel came along too," said Mrs Donaldson. When the big flood came Mrs Donaldson had a "real time" getting the children home from school before the water rose too high. "Two men came with me and they walked on ahead over culverts to make sure they were still there," she remembered. "The bus was like a launch going through that water. We just had to take the children as far as we could and leave them at the last farm house."

The best bus trip that Mrs Donaldson remembered was when she and other drivers took three buses full of school children to see the Queen in Christchurch in 1962.

During the war years buses were used to take hockey and football players to matches and on Sundays Mrs Donaldson would drive up to Peel Forest for a Sunday School picnic.

Mrs Donaldson passed away suddenly in August 1975, having driven the bus for 35 years.

### The Big Fire, 1946

I was one of the pupils who was driven to school on Mrs Donaldson's bus. On the day mentioned by Mrs McConnell re the Ealing bus, and the big fire in 1946, Mrs Donaldson's bus left Hinds and proceeded to Maronan on the south side of the river, crossed the Maronan bridge and came back to the main road via Swamp Road on the north side arriving at the Lynnford corner to see the whole country below the railway line on fire. We stopped and had a look and I can still remember the noise of drums of fuel exploding at the neighbour's half a mile down the road, where all the crops were burnt also tractors and headers and sheds, even the curtains of the house were singed but it didn't go on fire. Mrs Donaldson put us all, my brother, sister and three neighbouring children back on the bus and took us to her house at Hinds and returned us later in the day when the fires had been put out.

—G. Donaldson

Mr R. A. Burnett the Patron of the Jubilee Committee has had a long association with Hinds School.



Mr. R. A. BURNETT  
Patron of the Centennial Committee

He commenced School at Hinds in 1914 and after completing his schooling there went on to Secondary School in Ashburton for 3 days a week for 3 years. After leaving school he worked on farms for a time before starting his workshop in Hinds repairing tractors and later trucks and cars,



MARONAN BUS, 1937 — 1934 INTERNATIONAL



AN EARLY HINDS BUS — A STEWART

later branching out into the carrying business. He moved to Ashburton in 1934. Mr Burnett purchased the first School bus for Hinds in 1936 (a 1934 International). This bus had side curtains at first and was driven around the Maronan run by Mr J. Donaldson in 1937 when the school was amalgamated with Hinds. In 1940 Mr Burnett bought a (Federal) bus and this was used on the Ealing run when this School amalgamated with Hinds. Mr E. Clements was the driver of this bus.

Mr Burnett's link with Hinds is still maintained today as there are still five trucks of Burnetts Motors Ltd operating from a depot in Hinds.

We thank Mr Burnett for his generosity to the Jubilee Committee and to the District over a long number of years.



## ROLL OF HONOUR

### 1914-18 WAR

The names of the following pupils who saw War service appear on the school "Roll of Honour": Killed in Action—Leslie Tilson, James Tait, Matthew Davidson, Patrick Daly, Timothy O'Connor, George Paterson, A. Davidson, Wallace Ross, Samuel Ross, John McKay. Died of Wounds—John Moffat Hampton, Charles Tilson, Roderick Hugh McKay, Charles Rennie, Edmund Aitkenhead (the latter two from the after effects of war service).

Other names appearing on the Roll are: Beatrice McKeage (British Nursing Division), James Dwyer, John Davidson, Vernon Miller, William Small, Aynsley Moore (Navy), Frederick Reddecliffe, Frederick Broom, Frederick Brown, Charles Woolley, Alexander Reddecliffe, Charles D. Hampton, Robert Moore, Nelson Hansen, Herbert McDowell, W. Gordon Chisnall, Joseph Tait, George Tarbotton, Fred Hampton, Robert Morris, Thomas, Tilson, G. Good, G. Glasson, George Brown, John H. Burton, John Withell, Albert Dunnell, John Moore, Richard Tilson, James Small, Daniel Breen, Harold Sheldon, Gordon Hansen, David Broome, John McDowell, John Bird, Johnston Montgomery, David Paterson (M.M.), Gerald Sheldon, Colin D. Chisnall, Michael O'Connor, Henry Tait, Michael Daly, Leslie Glanville, Albert Prior, Thomas Santh, Stanley Hansen, Robert Elder, D. H. Clement, W. Clement.

Several from the above list attained commissioned rank and others received military decorations, some being mentioned in dispatches.

On August 27, 1915, a big rally was held in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund and among the articles put up for auction was a large Union Jack presented by Mrs Farrell. The flag was eventually purchased by Mr G. Tilson, who gave it to the school. This school flag after being sold and re-sold brought in several hundreds of pounds for the Relief Fund.

### World War II — 1939 – 1945

In Memoriam: G. W. Joiner, J. M. Hampton, S. Bennett, E. B. Withell.

The names of ex-pupils who left from the Hinds, Maronan and Ealing districts and served overseas: R. W. Bagrie (M.D.), G. E. Bagrie, E. Bagrie, E. F. Bishop, L. F. Chisnall, M. G. Davidson, L. G. Davison, M. J. Davis, F. L. Donaldson, J. A. Donaldson, H. D. Donaldson, G. H. Farrell, F. Hickey, I. L. Joiner, W. E. Lowe, H. H. Lowe, J. R. McDonald, B. E. McDonald, J. McRae, A. J. Morris, E. N. Noble, J. M. Proctor, R. Reddecliffe, W. F. Tilson, T. Tilson, D. G. Watson, G. J. Watson, L. M. Watson, J. C. Whiting, T. T. Whiting, R. N. Young, B. E. Clement, W. H. Davis, S. W. Galletly, J. Gibb, A. J. Jones, L. S. Galletly, V. F. Galletly, L. N. Lister, T. G. Lister, C. G. Whiting, R. W. Johnston, D. M. Johnston.

## REMINISCENCES

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### MY DAYS AT HINDS SCHOOL, 1910

If you lived more than three miles from school and went by horse and cart the Education Board paid a grant of three pence a day towards expenses. I remember the first pushbike to be seen at Hinds School. Some new people settled in the Coldstream district they had a German name (Neugeschwendar) but changed it to Freeman shortly after because the first World War was on then. Their son came to school on a cycle. After school came out the teachers, Miss Hays and Mr Cook and all the children were at the gate to watch him ride away towards the railway station on his way home.

When I started in 1910 the teacher then was Miss Kent, then Miss Saunders and later Miss Hays. Mr John Cook taught Standards 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the other room.

Over the years I have often thought what a good teacher he must have been to handle four classes totalling up to fifty pupils. I can still see him running from one blackboard to another to keep us working. Some of us didn't make things easy for him either. One thing he could use was that big heavy strap. He had plenty of use for it at times on some of the boys and now and again for some of the girls, too. Those that went through that room will always remember that strap even if they were never on the receiving end. Some of the family names I remember going to school with me were the O'Connors, Clarks, Burnetts, Daleys, Dwyers, Tilsons, Elms, Framptons and Hamptons. I left school when I was 14 and worked for Mr Sid Richard for £1 a week driving his team. I stayed there for 2 years and then went to Mr John Farrell's. I stayed there for three years and then left for Australia in 1925 having my 20th birthday out in Queensland where I worked as a stockman, droving cattle and quite different to working at Hinds.

I will look forward to seeing you all at the Jubilee.

—MATT CROWE

## MEMORY LANE

### Going to Hinds School, 1911

Some children walked, some went on horseback and some drove horses and carts. Our family went on horseback until one of us was old enough to be in charge of a horse and cart. It was five miles each way but there was plenty to do, in winter setting snares for hares and rabbits, plentiful in those days and in summer bird nesting for eggs and heads which were both saleable and our only means of pocket money for the school picnic, a fabulous day to Timaru by train, a new dress, and some money in your pocket.

Some roads were shingle but most were just cart tracks. Later the creeks had a bridge over them to one side near the fence. A short cut by the pony over one of these could be disastrous, one wheel going over the side into the creek and our lunches, which were in a 5 lb tea tin, getting tipped out.

Carts were put in a row under the trees at the top end of the playground and ponies in the paddock. Ponies were usually fed at lunch time; ten miles a day, five days a week was weary going for them.

The Hinds Arundel road was the main road in those days but we seldom saw anyone other than a swagger or two.

If we could avoid authority and sneak over the railway line to what is now the main road we would have a short sharp horse and cart race after school with the Daltons; to be found out was rather painful. All wonderful memories to look back upon "the olden days" you call it now.

—KURA LOWE (Stewart)

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## GOING TO SCHOOL BY PONY AND CART

Our family commenced Hinds School in 1917 and apart from a period 1941-47 there was a member of the Rickard family on the roll until 1970.

We travelled daily by governess cart drawn by a quiet pony named Dandy. Two miles down the road we picked up the Bagrie boys. Low-lying spots on the road would be icy and often we stopped to skate. Dandy was



patient by nature—usually!—but there were times when he slipped away unnoticed to arrive home without us. On those occasions we had some explaining to do when we finally arrived home!



THE SCHOOL, 1936 — TEACHER : Mr. McDONALD

At school Dandy joined the other horses in the paddock but he welcomed any opportunity to escape. On one occasion he did get out and, ferreting among the carts, he found a loaf of bread—fresh from the baker's and destined no doubt for someone's tea table that night. But Dandy liked bread—and he was not aware that there was such a thing as the right of ownership!

Mr John Cook was headmaster all my years at school. His teaching was thorough; his discipline, firm. He had a very strong sense of responsibility—I remember his standing at the gate every afternoon to see that each one of those travelling by horse and cart left safely on the homeward journey. He was kindly by nature.

Realising that many of us had long cold journeys, he would bring in a big cream can of water, put it on the coal fire and make gallons of cocoa.

I can think now of the comforting warmth as I put my hands around one of those cups of cocoa.

One sad occasion I remember vividly. A little two-year-old girl had been drowned and the whole township mourned her passing. Pallbearers for her funeral were all girls—and included some of the senior girls from school. We others assembled in the playground to stand quietly as the cortege moved off from the home about twenty chains away but in full view of the school.

But there were incidents of a lighter nature. One day a dapper little man arrived saying that he was a teacher from the Department and he wished to see the different teaching practices in the schools of the area. He booked in at the local boarding-house. Mr Cook was suspicious—he had had no word of the impending visit. He allowed the newcomer, however, to put us through our paces. We read to him, we recited for him, he tested our arithmetic, he checked our general knowledge. The visiting “teacher” however disappeared during the night without paying his accommodation bill! We learned later that he was an impostor and that many schools had been tricked in the same way.

One lady teacher, Miss Dora Gudsell, was an expert with her crochet hook. Unfortunately one day the hook became embedded in her hand. Mr Cook explained the seriousness of the situation and said he would have to take her to the doctor—we were to work quietly and diligently in his absence. He arrived back—hours later—to find us doing just that! We were relieved to learn that Miss Gudsell still had both hands intact minus the offending crochet hook. Incidentally Miss Gudsell—now Mrs Symes—is a resident at Tuarangi Home. I visit her from time to time and she well remembers the incident of the crochet hook.

Cars were a rarity in those days, so to meet Mr Farrell in his cream “Sunbeam” with its beautiful red upholstery just made our day! It sailed along the road at tremendous speed—quite twenty-five miles an hour!

Such were our schooldays—days when the time spent travelling left little for leisure pursuits; days when much emphasis was placed on mastering the “three r’s”; days when discipline was very firm. But they were days, too, when our sense of identity was strong; they were days of comradeship and friendship; they were days when we met challenges and found the satisfaction of achievement. Personally I welcomed the challenge that learning presented, and as I look back I realise just how much my attendance at Hinds School helped to prepare me for my future.

—NAOMI RICKARD

## MY MEMORIES OF HINDS SCHOOL DURING WARTIME

I was teaching at the Hinds School in the following periods.

1. 1940—the full year as a probationary assistant.
2. 1941—the last term as a relieving Infant Mistress. Miss E. Bell had left at the end of the second term to take a position in Northland.
3. 1942—The first term—also as a reliever. I had a class of Standard 3 and 4 pupils.

Other Staff Members—Mr D. J. McDonald, Headmaster; Miss E. Bell, Infant Mistress; Miss White, the middle Standards.

Mr E. H. H. Hawkhead was at the school as an extra as he was waiting to leave New Zealand to train in Britain for the Fleet Air Arm. He was teaching Standard 1 and 2. He left at or near the end of the second term. I had Primer 4 in the end room (nearest the new block) of the old school. After Mr Hawkhead left I moved over to the new school and had to combine Primer 4 with Standard 1.

1941—Miss Mavis McKay was the Probationary Assistant; Mrs Edna Scott was an Assistant Teacher. In the third term I returned to the school—I had all the Primer classes and also took the senior girls for sewing.

1942—Mr McDonald the headmaster had the senior room. I was relieving at Hinds for the first term and had the middle Standards. Mrs Scott had the junior Standards. Miss King had been appointed to the school as the Infant Mistress—she taught all the Primers in the old school.

Mr Hawkhead was on a ship which was picked up by a raider in the Pacific and with others was put off on an island called Emirau. I read some years ago of Mr Hawkhead being in Dunedin. He was then appointed to the Department of Education to be in charge of mathematics teaching in primary schools.

The grim days as Europe was over-run by German troops—the horror of the evacuation from Dunkirk.

The day we heard that the ship “Niagara”, a day or so out from Auckland, had hit a German mine.

The entry of Japan into the conflict and the need for strict Blackout precautions.

How the fathers of my pupils were training in the Home Guard and the mothers were working with the Red Cross and doing courses in First Aid.



The scarcity of school supplies—chalk, paper and materials for art and craft. Old felt hats were in demand for making soft toys.

The only place for swimming instruction was over in the very small baths in the Domain.

The boys played football under the coaching of Mr McDonald and crossed the road to the hockey and football field.

Physical education was a very formal type of drill—this was usually done on the tennis court as it was dry under foot.

I was told in 1940 that the old school was due for demolition—I was certainly surprised to see it still in the same place many years later!

I remember the dedication of Miss Bell to her teaching and the help she gave each child in learning to read.

Also, I give grateful thanks to Miss Bell for helping me so much in my very first year of teaching.

My mother was a pupil of the Hinds Side School, I accompanied her to the 50th Jubilee—I was also present at the 75th and the 90th anniversaries and I do look forward to being at the Centennial.

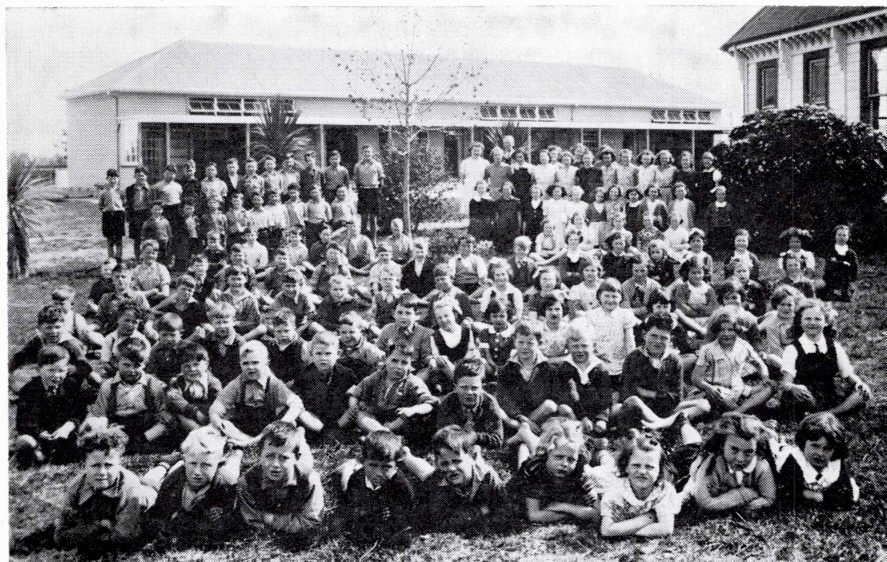
—MARY WILSON (McConnell)

## COUNTRY SERVICE, 1944 – 1947

Should I or not apply for this position at Hinds School, I who knew nothing of country ways? Were I to be the successful applicant, to teach and live in the country would be something entirely new for me, and I'd certainly complete those two years of country service that every young teacher had to do to gain further promotion in city schools, but I'd be leaving behind my much loved world of music.

I deliberated right to the last, sending away my application by telegram, and I can see to this day, my Post Office friend, who knew the circumstances, shaking her head, with a very deliberate, "No, don't do this. Don't be so silly." That was how I came to Hinds School, and to have a class of a mere 30 to 35 pupils after the 50 to 56 in the city, seemed too good to be true.

Between 1944 and 1947 Hinds School had a staff of four. Besides the headmaster, there were two permanent teachers (one the infant mistress) and a probationary assistant. I recall three headmasters; the late Mr MacDonald, a W.W. 1 veteran, still carrying on courageously with teaching, although he was suffering from a terrible affliction from which he knew he would never recover.



THE SCHOOL, 1943 — TEACHER : Mr. D. J. McDONALD

Following Mr MacDonald were Mr Stewart, a very progressive and able headmaster, and for a short while, Mr Pankhurst.

The Infant mistress, and for some months (it may have been for nearly a year) acting head teacher, was Miss K. Hampton (Mrs Sunley), a very fine teacher who expected and got the very best from both her pupils and staff. As a young teacher in those years, I acknowledge a tremendous debt to her for assistance, guidance and inspired leadership.

The war years had brought rationing of essential commodities; tea, sugar, butter, meat, household linen, some items of clothing and petrol, none of which could be purchased without coupons, and this situation continued until well into 1948.

With the restricted supplies of petrol, most travel was by rail, and besides the slow trains (the N.Z. Snailsway, as we used to say) the Dunedin to Christchurch express then stopped at Hinds Station, a most welcome occurrence for teachers at the weekends.

We travelled by slow train to Caroline Bay, Timaru, for the school picnic. While children enjoyed the sea sand and sunshine, "Mums" took the opportunity to do Christmas shopping, and "Dads" had their own way of enjoyment—need I say more. A slow train leaving Ashburton daily at 7.15 a.m. and arriving in Hinds just after eight, always brought the school milk, crates of half pint bottles for consumption just before morning playtime. In



the summer weather the milk was often getting sour. For well nourished country children, used to fresh creamy milk from a house cow, it was quite a business seeing this indifferent bottled variety was all consumed and not wasted.

Cases of apples (mainly Jonathons) also arriving by rail, were much enjoyed when they came at times of market over-supply.

Three school buses brought children to Hinds, one taking the secondary pupils on to Ashburton.

With no board available in Hinds township and my not being prepared to live in a caravan, as my predecessor had, I stayed with the Lamb family in Ealing, travelling to and from by school bus. Ealing bus drivers were Miss M. Cormack (now Mrs R. Malthus) and the late Mr C. Hopwood, who travelled daily from Ashburton. There was never a dull moment on the bus. Each family brought its contribution of fun and laughter and it was a happy noise that drove to Hinds each morning and back to Ealing in the late afternoon.

Today the long straight stretch between Hinds and Ealing is a real speedway for traffic. In those days when few motorists were on the road, the homeward trip to Ealing was always livened up when the daily Star Sun van, on its way to Timaru sped past like lightning, always causing interest and lively comments from the boys.

There was one hot summer afternoon in 1946 when we had to travel through grass fires practically all along the route. The Christchurch express train passing just previously, set the countryside east of the railway line ablaze in various places between Rangitata and Rolleston, fanned by a strong nor'west wind, the fires soon spread. The school bus set out with no prior warning of what had happened. I remember the concern I felt when some children had to get off the bus. Only good fire fighting and perhaps some good luck prevented a disaster.

We all overloaded the school bus too, when it took classes for swimming at the river, where below the bridge, there was a reasonably deep pool for swimming instruction of a kind. Hinds township did have a smallish swimming bath in those days referred to as "the duck pond in the domain", so dirty and unhygienic no one swam there. My husband adds it resembled a sheep dip. The beautiful new complex now so enjoyed by Hinds residents was built to replace the old eye sore, an appropriate and practical war memorial project for the district.

Sporting highlights for the school were the annual County Sports in Ashburton and the regular rugby and basketball matches against Tinwald and Eiffelton schools. The Tinwald school roll then was slightly greater than that of Hinds, whilst the Eiffelton roll slightly less, differences usually reflected in the match scores. When it was Hinds turn to travel, we all packed into one of the school buses and away we went for a very enjoyable sport and social afternoon.



For the boys a profitable sideline was the collecting of rats' tails for which they received the princely sum of one shilling per tail, and of course there were the hare drives round the district to raise funds for various causes.

1945 is still remembered as the year of the big snow. On the previous day no one would have predicted a white out by the next morning, although the sensationally low barometric reading should have warned of an imminent weather deterioration. A hot dry, unseasonable nor'wester blew violently all day and the snow which fell during the night settled quickly on the dry ground to a depth of eighteen inches (more in some areas) by the next morning.

Canterbury transport came to a standstill, and with just about every power and telephone line down, emergency conditions prevailed. There was no school that July for three weeks during which time homes in the area were completely without power.

As a teacher with specialist qualifications and considerable experience in school music, I was especially delighted to be able to take charge of music in the senior classes. For these lessons, the children went over to the unused classroom in the old school where a very good school piano was kept. This was quite a change, for previously the radio programme from 3YA provided all school music lessons.

In 1946 Hinds gained the distinction of being the first country school to send a choir to the School Music Festival in Ashburton. In that year we were the sole country school performing, but by the next year other country schools participated. I add the Press reported very favourably on the musical achievements of a small country school that rendered two part songs.

School concerts were a feature of the school year. We tried to arrange a programme of the non-stop variety style that would bring every child in the school onto the stage at some time or other. We even had a team of potential ballerinas? There were the girls who danced the Minuet, the skaters, the Russian Cossacks, the awkward squad and other ballets.

In 1945, the year the war ended, we staged, as a grand finale to the concert, a V for Victory pageant, the various allied countries all depicted in song, action or verse. As a stage prop, I meekly requested a raised platform be built, at the centre of which a large V sign could be placed. The idea must have appealed greatly to the school committee chairman (the late Mr J. Davidson) because he produced a magnificent platform, correct size and complete with an arresting large V sign all beautifully painted in bright red and sparkling with glitter.

At the conclusion of the item when all the performers were in position around the central figure of Britannia framed behind the V sign, the children sang to the future:

"We'll build together  
What none shall sever,  
Bridges from man to man  
The whole round earth to span."

Today, as we view the world scene, those noble aspirations of 1945 sound a hollow note.

My stay in Hinds ended in December 1947. Schools throughout Canterbury closed earlier than usual that year because of an outbreak of poliomyelitis.

I had come to Hinds to complete my country service teaching, but my true country service of over thirty years was just to start. I was a very raw recruit to the land, and besides one fellow teacher there must have been many others who raised the doubt "I wonder what sort of a farmer's wife she'll make?"

By Mrs W. McConnell (Gwen Kelly)

## HINDS SCHOOL, 1950

Such things come to mind as the arrival of several Greek children whose parents were working at the P.W.D. camps. I remember their total lack of English and how the parents particularly the mothers came to school for Mr A. Gourlay to sort out forms that they could not cope with. The older children going to the store to get the groceries and bread and included in the string bag was frequently a bottle or two of beer for Dad. Surely an unfamiliar sight getting onto a school bus. Mr Gourlay went to the camp one or two nights a week to teach the adults English.

The memory of the scones and pikelets which appeared from the school house and also the many times when we were asked by Mrs Gourlay for a "cuppa" after school.

What about the blackboard in my class room which was so high I had to stand on a chair to use even the bottom half of it—I don't think I ever did use the top half. Were the carpenters used to giants in those days? Does anyone remember the concert when the "leading man" sat on his father's knee in the audience when he should have been saying his piece. Or the nursery rhyme item when someone lit "Wee Willie Winkie's" candle by mistake and he set fire to the curtains, while at the other end of the stage, The Baker's Man overcome with excitement was sick in his basin! Needless to say these mishaps were from the Infant room items.

I would also like to pay tribute to Joan Driscoll, Infant Mistress during my stay, who unfortunately passed away during the 1950's. Her patience, wisdom and understanding must have given confidence and knowledge to many young teachers while her teaching ability surely must have set many children well on the way to learning. She was such a happy friendly outgoing person and with her passing many like myself lost a good friend and an excellent teacher.

VERA CLEARWATER (nee Quigley)

## MEMORIES 1964 – 1974

School Committee Meetings—putting to right the World as well as School Affairs.

Fund raising. Stock Drives. Budgeting of money. Maintenance.

Bike shed to Wood shed. Administration Block approved.

Dental Clinic re-located.

Banter at the woodwork bees.

High pruning of Gateway oaks.

Awkward seat renewal around those oaks.

Concrete edge to gardens. Micro-climate native plot.

Additional classroom. New path broken up, newer one added.

Euchre evenings. Table thumping. Hands played again.

Planning and hanging gate of 90th Celebrations.

Considering School Uniforms, amendments etc.

Girls' films with mum, Boys' films with dad, every second year.

Meeting abandoned—Wahine Storm.

Preparation for and participation in Ashburton Music Festivals.

Ever forget your lunch and need some from the house?

Stone picking, and grass sowing.

Combined Sports days—summer: athletics, tabloids, swimming. Winter: rugby, hockey, netball.

Challenge of Ashburton County Sports—Importance of timing! Corrals!

Have all escaped pets been found?

Strike bound on the way back from Wellington.

Going to see Governor-General, Sir Bernard Fergusson, in Ashburton.

Governor-General, Sir Denis Blundell, comes to us.

The wet trip, bus and train, to see the Queen in Christchurch.

Lindisfarne Outdoor Education Camp. Some had trouble sleeping.

Sewing classes commenced.

Combined Hinds Area Form 2 socials.

Gathering fruit and vegetables for animals of visiting circus.

The thrill of Gymkhana relay teams.

Cleaning up the Gymkhana ground.

Attending to litter on section of the Highway.

The show of Dahlias. The tubbed shrubs and their care.

Mowing of grass. Shifting of hoses. Piles of soil.



Cocoa making, distribution.  
The Robin Hood furnace, Romesse stoking.  
Lunch time chopping wood, breaking axe handles.  
Bus lines. Bus travel. Who drove you?  
Did you ever have to walk, or only nearly so?  
Clouds of dust, running late for the bus.  
How big now is that New Entrant who went to sleep on the bus?  
Who found the Weather radar reflector and balloon?  
How was that arm broken in a fall off the monkey bars?  
April 1st, dusters and chalk missing.  
Assemblies. Weekly house competitions. House cup?  
Models made, cooking brought from Manual.  
Clubs at school, thanks to parents helping.  
All vaults and flips for end-of-year demonstration.  
Foursquare, Edenball, Hopscotch, traditional and circular.  
Folk dancing in the frost.  
The cross country runs.  
The magpie by the tank stand.  
Visits from our "History of Hinds" neighbour.  
Whose car kept bunting the fence?  
Who were the scooter riding teachers? Did they really live at Petticoat Junction?  
Who wore the minniest mini?  
Annual Breakup evenings. The items, Carols by candlelight, the supper, certificates and fizz for Form 2.  
Nostalgia of Last Day handshakes. Own up now, those who pronounced never would they marry?

—D. B. FAHY

## 1960-1970

At Hinds School in the 1960's and early 1970's—they were great times.  
It was the days of the

Janet and John Readers.

Picnics at the Geraldine Domain.

The end of the Milk in School Scheme.

Collecting the mail from Box 44.

Being a "Dollar Scholar".

The old school was shifted to the new site.

Mr Ross Gibson's Standard 3 and 4 class had school in the Scout Den. They walked to the den from school twice a day—distance walked was 3,138 miles between the 33 pupils. Reward for their walk was a "Gold Medal" (an Aniseed Wheel).

An exciting visit from Peter Snell, Don Clarke and Bert Sutcliffe.

The commencement of the Group Winter Sports.

Trips to Wellington.

Mrs W. W. Lowe coming to inspect your school garden.

Flower and Vegetable Shows were held at the school each March.

A map of the world was painted on the concrete out in front of the main school.

The adventure area was added to the playground, too.

Gymnastic classes were held and many pupils gained badges.

The start of the Pupil-Parent tennis competition.

Fancy Dress and Folk Dance evenings were held in the Hinds Hall.

Pets Parade Day, too.

It also was the start of the New Maths Scheme.

An afternoon at the Ballet for some lucky pupils.

There will be events we have forgotten, but the best of all were the Break-ups. Starting at 6 o'clock at the School, with a gymnastic display, entertainment from each classroom was put on. Then the presentation of the leaving certificates for Standard 6 pupils. Supper with loads of goodies for all. Then came the highlight of the year—Mrs Rosa Bennett would play the piano for "Carols by Candlelight", with everybody taking part and finishing with "I Wish You a Merry Christmas".

In those days school wasn't all education—it was fun too.

By a Past Pupil

## Mr D. J. McDONALD

Mr McDonald came to Hinds from Makikihi in 1932 and was at Hinds until 1944 a term of 12 years, because of ill health he had to retire early and went to live in Christchurch where he died at 52 years of age.

Apart from teaching Mr McDonald's interests were in the sporting field. For many years he coached the Hinds football team. He was a member of the Tennis Club, a foundation member of the Bowling Club and in his early years was the secretary of the Athletic Club, which ran an annual sports day. This was later incorporated with the Hinds Gymkhana.

In the 1930's the school grounds were surrounded by trees, large pines along the nor'west boundary, a pine hedge on the eastern side and pines on the south boundary. A macrocarpa hedge divided the grounds with boys playing on one side and girls on the other. Not for us the mod cons of toilet blocks but the old long drop, boys up under the nor'west trees and girls on the eastern boundary.

The school house had a grandstand view of the horse paddock from the living room window. Father invariably had to help catch the horses when a change in the weather made them frisky.

During World War II, can you remember our horror the day Bernard McDonald's horse dragged its cart into the playground on its side. No Bernard wasn't thrown out. School buses were not the mode of transport in the 'thirties and many families arrived by horse and cart or pony trap—the Reddicliffe's, Donaldson's, Lowe's, Rickard's and Keeley's are some I remember. We all loved a ride on Kitty and Ginger, the ponies from Lowe's stables.

—NANCY READ (nee McDonald)

## Miss Bell 1937-41

In 1934 Miss Elizabeth Bell was appointed Infant assistant to Hinds School, where she taught the Primers and up to Standard 2. She shared the old school with Mr McDonald and used the sunny end of the building.

1937 saw Miss Bell on leave of absence and she travelled to Australia as an Exchange teacher. On her return in 1938 she was appointed Infant Mistress and had the supervision of one assistant and a probationer in the Infant section. During this time, sliding doors divided the old school to make extra rooms. Miss Bell remembers that Break-ups were held in this big room.

During a period of relieving in 1927, Miss Bell taught for three months at the Ealing School, staying with the Grayburn family. (Miss Bell remembers talking a Folk Dance Group from Hinds to Geraldine to a competition, but without success).

Travel to School was by car—a wee Morris Cowley with a snub nose and one door—first from her father's home at Lismore and later from the Langdon's home. In the latter years this was the Bagrie home. Miss Bell took the Langdon's cream can to Hinds twice a week in time for the early morning train. In the latter years Miss Bell boarded in Ashburton and travelled out



each day. She picked up two girls from the Windermere railway house. There were no school buses at this time and she remembers the many pony carts—Bennett's, Reddicliffe's, Rickard's and other parked in the pony paddock.

Two of Miss Bell's treasured memories are of Thora Rickard who would bring her sisters down to school in the pony cart and would some days spend time in Miss Bell's room doing needlework and at lunch time she would play the piano. The other was Judith Hampton who was a challenge to a teacher because of her sight disability—Miss Bell would repeat the morning lesson especially for Judith, very much enlarged on the blackboard, during the lunch hour.

Miss Bell has two prized possessions. One is a bedside clock given to her by the senior sewing girls (sewing being a once a week task for all the years at Hinds). The other is a much-worn leather carrying bag, a gift from the school when she left in 1941.

Miss Bell is now retired in Ashburton.

## TRIP TO WELLINGTON

I can remember quite clearly our first educational trip to Wellington. How we looked forward to our trip in the train and the boat, how we saved up for that journey and how our teacher prepared us for, to many of us, our first trip away from Hinds. I remember Dad saying, "You're a lucky kid to go on a boat. Your Mum and I haven't been on one ever."

What excitement when we all met at the Hinds Station to get aboard the express with our parents all watching us, and our fears that some of the more daring of our number would spend all their money on the Ashburton Station. And at the end of our train trip our rushing through the tunnel to Lyttelton and our first sight of our ship.

We were all on deck early in the morning to get our first view of Wellington—in fact very few of us slept at all on that first night, we were too excited. One boy had trouble tying his tie in spite of many practices on the leg of a chair at home under the tuition of his father. However, he was soon wearing his tie with the help of one of the girls who had two teenage brothers. We were all whisked to a hotel for breakfast and then started our day in Wellington.

We saw the crowds coming from the railway station on their way to work, and then on to Parliament Buildings to see where our laws were made. Next on to a car factory at Petone and back to the hotel for lunch. Never will I forget our visit to the Zoo to see all those animals from foreign countries—all those animals we had read about and seen pictures of, but there they were living and real before our eyes. Our day finished with dinner at the hotel and a trip on the cable-car, and then back on board. There was no sleepless night, no seeing our ship leaving Wellington, but straight into our cabins—in fact I can remember two boys who were fast asleep in their beds as the teacher made his count on the deck at Lyttelton.

How glad we were to see the School Bus waiting for us at the Hinds Station, but what a lot we had seen and learned in our three hectic days.

1971—40 children and 10 adults walked the Bridle Track. Everyone enjoyed this trip.

In 1975—52 pupils had an enjoyable stay at Erewhon Station in the Mid-Canterbury High Country.

1976—Class trips to Christchurch Museum and Wigram Air Base.

1976—Camp to Staveley for Standard 3 and 4 for 3 days.

During the past four years several groups have been to Lindisfarne in South Canterbury.

## RED CROSS

Hinds School Branch.

For many years the Red Cross at Hinds School has been very active. Collections of reusable items, coupons and stamps have always been plentiful. In earlier years bring and buys were held in the lunchtime with many varied goods for sale. Mothers helped to bake and arrange goods for the children to sell.

Once a child took to school baking in Mother's cake tin to sell for profit on a stall and was known to return with a splendid purchase for herself, a kitten in the cake tin.

This group was always a worthwhile and active one encouraged by Teachers and Parents who have given their time to ensure that Pupils had some idea of the tremendous work the Red Cross is involved in both in New Zealand and overseas.

## PRESENT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Stock Parade

This includes calves, lambs, goats, poultry, ponies, cage birds, dressed pets, past pets, dogs and tricks.

### Hinds Zone School Sports

These include children from Lowcliffe, Willowby, Eiffelton, Flemington and Wakanui. Children are selected from these area sports to take part in the Mid-Canterbury finals at Ashburton.

### Winter Sports

Rugby, netball, hockey, soccer and volley ball.

### Summer Sports

Athletic sports—sprints, long and high jump, discus and shot putt, 400, 1500 metres, relays.

Swimming zone sports: Freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, relays—lengths, learners' widths, long plunge and medleys.

Tennis, softball, longball and cricket.

Singing in Musical Festival at Ashburton.

### Garden Projects

Flowers, vegetables and herbs are grown in home gardens and are judged for neatness, freedom from weeds, and quality. For a number of years a flower show was held at the school where children displayed their flowers, vegetables and several hobby classes. The late Mrs W. W. Lowe judged these gardens for many years.





PRIMERS — 1980



STANDARDS 1, 2 AND 3 — 1980





STANDARD 4, FORMS 1 AND 2 — 1980



THE STAFF — 1980

Back Row : Mrs. L. Bird, Miss S. Tait, Mrs. J. Tinkler, Mrs. H. Kurner  
Front Row : Mr. N. K. Batty, Mr. I. E. Mee, Mrs. H. De Jager



## SPORT HOCKEY

Hockey began at the school at the time Mr Cook became headmaster. Mr Cook took a very keen interest in hockey acting as umpire, coach, selector and providing transport. Hockey and rugby were played on the same field at the same time during lunch hour and morning and afternoon breaks. This arrangement seemed to work quite well but occasionally hockey players found themselves caught up in rucks and mauls etc. Penalty corners were a slight hazard to rugby boys. This confusion added to the enjoyment of sports time. We played inter-school games which were most enjoyable; the highlight of the year was the Primary School six-a-side tournament played in Ashburton. Teams from the Borough and the Country took part, our school competing with considerable success. With the arrival of a new lady teacher who frowned on hockey, she considered it an unlady-like activity, netball was introduced to the school and hockey went into recess.

Some years later hockey became part of school life again. Girls from the school played representative hockey with considerable success, some represented Otago playing in K Cup competition. Six members of the Ashburton team including the captain were from Hinds, when this team was runner-up in the 1938 K Cup Tournament.



SCHOOL HOCKEY TEAM — 1930

Winners of County Six-a-Side Competition

Back Row : A. Lowe, I. Morris, B. Thompson, J. Lowe

Front Row : F. Donaldson, M. Watson (Captain), C. Chisnall



## TENNIS

The school has always encouraged tennis and some of the teachers over the years have been keen players. The Hinds Club was formed in 1921 and Mr Cook was the first chairman for 5 years and Miss Percy the first secretary.

1931—Mr McDonald was appointed secretary and club captain and was on the committee for most of his time at Hinds. In 1946 the club moved from the courts in the Domain to the two courts in the school grounds where it plays at present, having 4 teams in the Mid-Canterbury competitions. Mr Pankhurst was a keen tennis player and was club secretary for the time he was in Hinds and encouraged the children of the school to play. In the 1978-79 season there were four teachers playing in the club competition.

The parent and child competition is very popular with both parents and children and is included in the programme at the school picnic.

### PARENT AND CHILD

- 1968 Mr G. McLauchlan and Robert
- 1969 Mr S. Galletly and Melvin
- 1970 Mr R. Blair and Neville
- 1971 Mr R. Donaldson and Garry
- 1972 Mrs A. Harris and Mark
- 1973 Mr K. Donaldson and Wayne
- 1974 Mr K. McLaren and Bruce
- 1975 Mr A. McLaren and Frank
- 1976 Mr J. Clarke and Linda
- 1977 Mr R. Donaldson and Sharon
- 1978 Mrs S. Wilson and Gary
- 1979 Mr A. Farrell and Karen

### PARENT AND BORROWED CHILD

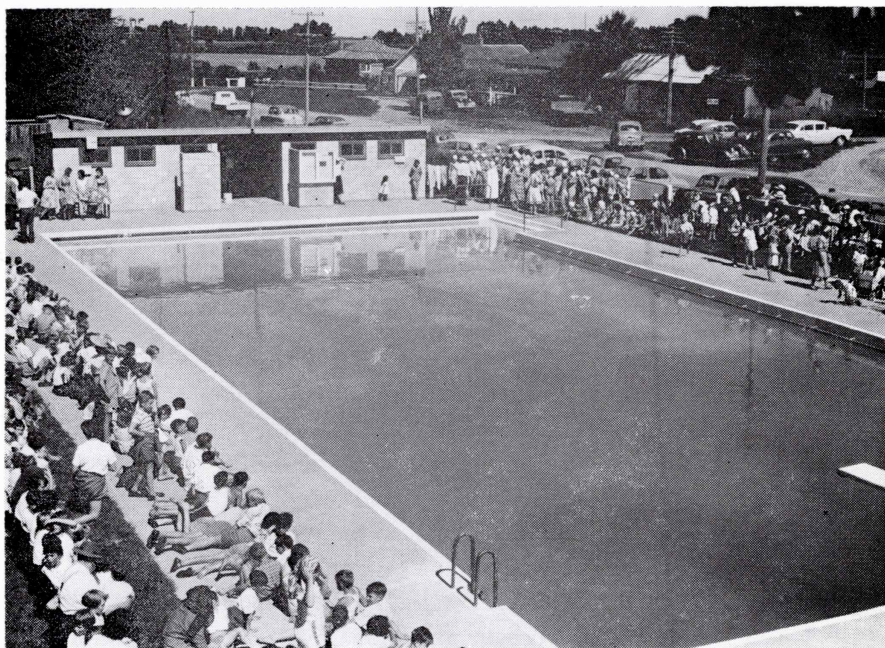
- 1971 Mrs D. Reith and Harley Gundry
- 1972 Mr G. Donaldson and David McDowell
- 1973 Mr A. Farrell and Warren Lewis
- 1974 Mr D. Reith and David Allan
- 1975 Mr C. Rapsey and Andrew Rapsey
- 1976 Mr C. Rapsey and Andrew Rapsey
- 1977 Mr C. Rapsey and Andrew Rapsey
- 1978 Mr A. Wright and Fiona White
- 1979 Mr C. McKenzie and Neroli Donaldson

## SWIMMING CLUB

The Hinds Swimming Club has in the past been very active and worthy of high recommendation for not only did they organise activities and carnivals for the children of Hinds but they were responsible for the building up of the pool and its surroundings and sheds and also the annual maintenance.

Prior to the Hinds school having their own pool pupils always walked to the Domain to swim in the small pool which was situated to the north of the existing pool. This pool was small by today's standards but served many swimmers for years. Whether the summers were hotter sixty years ago I do not know, but I am told of village pupils swimming on their way to school.

By the mid-fifties the people of the Hinds district were the proud users of a full-sized swimming pool with a deep well for diving (all for 2/6 annually for children and 7/6 for adults) plus a versatile pool at the school of a safer depth.



SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS — 1958



Competitive swimming and diving thrived for many years with facilities like this and only since the advent of home pools has this competition dwindled and a more recreational attitude to swimming has emerged.

The larger pool has since its beginning always accommodated the area schools' sports and will continue to be a valuable asset to the community.

The costs of maintaining a swimming pool are a heavy burden financially on any club and sad as it may be, with this burden the club's other activities have suffered and it is with pride we recall the many successful carnivals (with prizes from 5/- to £5.0.0), concerts and dances that were so much a feature years ago.

## ATHLETICS

Hinds School has always been noted for its athletes. Over the years many pupils have gained places in the County Sports held in Ashburton. Some have won the championships there and Hinds won the Boot Pennant in 1949. This was a 4 x 100 yard relay with two girls and two boys taking part. Past pupils have gone on to win championships at secondary schools and two have won world distinction.

Arthur Grayburn, who attended Hinds from 1933-1940, has specialised in javelin throwing. He was Canterbury champion in 1951-54. New Zealand champion in 1952-53 and a silver medalist in the 1950 Games. Since taking part in veteran athletics he has gained a silver medal World Champ at Toronto 1975, 6th place World Champ Hanover 1979 and established World Veteran record at 54.42 metres with javelin on 26/2/78. Arthur is now a Vice-President of the World Veteran Games to be held in Christchurch in January 1981.

Neville Scott who attended Hinds in the mid 1940's ran in the Melbourne Olympics in 1956 in the 1500 metres and at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics in the 5000 metres. He won a bronze medal in the 1958 Games at Cardiff. He also won the 3 miles N.Z. title 3 times in 1957, 1964, 1965.



SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS — 1958



## NETBALL

The Hinds Netball Club has always enjoyed its fair share of success throughout the years. Mainly local girls have played, although at times we have been helped by outlying areas and can boast that we have had girls reach representative standard.

The Basketball Club as it was first known had its first success in 1930 but it was probably in existence before this after a breakaway from the local Hockey Club.

The 9-a-side game gave way to International rules and the 7-a-side team in 1967. Mrs H. Moore was one of the early coaches and from records coaching has been usually from local volunteers.

There has always been one team at least with up to three teams competing some seasons. Since 1973 we have taken part in Primary School grade competitions with the help from the Hinds School.

The Saturday competition games have always been held in Ashburton (first in the Domain, and now at the Ashburton College) and the effort it takes to encourage town teams to travel to Hinds to play is no more worth the trouble today than it was 50 years ago. However we believe the town teams are the losers as travelling as a team, meeting at the Post Office has held a lot of fun over the years.

When there were few cars around, girls travelled in the back of Mr Elms' truck or else in the back of the local store cart of McPherson and Hall. With the advent of cheaper transport private cars were used as they are today to transport girls, this, as it did years ago brings with it good loyal, vocal supporters.

The Netball Club has always been closely related to the school and since the asphalt area has been increased the school now can boast two full-sized courts plus sufficient lighting for practices which in all have plenty of use from the club, and the school pupils.

## FOOTBALL

Rugby football has always been popular with the boys of Hinds School. As we see in the School History the first football was introduced in 1890. During Mr Cook's time at Hinds he was a Club selector and Mr McDonald encouraged football in the school when he was Headmaster 1932-44, he was also a coach for the Club during those years.

The Hinds Club commenced in 1922 and during its 60 years' history several old pupils of the School have gained honours. Mr H. L. Chisnall was an All Black trialist in 1924 and was in the Canterbury team for a number of years. Mr C. Elms was also a Canterbury representative player—in 1920 he played fullback for Canterbury. In 1930 Les Tilson was the

first Primary School representative from Hinds School. During the period 1940-1950 Hinds School travelled to Eiffelton and Tinwald to play Rugby and from 1960 the winter zone sports have been held at Hinds. Rugby teams from Lowcliffe, Willowby, Eiffelton, Flemington and Wakanui have played here, and the winners have gone on to play in the Tournaments in Ashburton.



**SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM — 1952**

**Back Row :** I. Galletly, R. Corbett, A. Adams, B. Moffat

**Middle Row :** M. Hoaten, T. Parish, G. Fleet, G. Bennett, R. McKeage, A. Clark, L. Douglas,  
L. Hoaten, A. Scammell

**Front Row :** H. Henderson, D. Good, M. Chisnall, K. Love, T. Douglas, M. Read, R. Galletly

**Teacher :** Mr. I. Smith

## DON'T YOU REMEMBER THE TIME?

Last night Mum got worse and they sent her into Ashburton to the doctor. . . . and they gave her a baby. "Oh, how nice for you all" I managed, and then curiosity got the better of me "Was it a baby sister or brother?" Silence in the room as all eyes turned towards the speaker. . . . "Well, we wanted a baby sister but we'll have to make do with a baby brother."

In the 'fifties Morning Talks were all the fashion and parents would have turned grey had they known all the family secrets that the teachers heard about . . . but the teachers were always discreet in these matters and didn't repeat what they heard.

But now after thirty years it is time to dispense with this discretion in one case. It happened on a Monday morning in the Infant room when little - - - - gave a very graphic description of a wedding she had attended at the weekend. At the end of her talk she, as was usual, invited "Any questions?" The teacher hurriedly advanced to the next speaker when an infant asked, "Was that your Mother's wedding, - - - -?"

I had been teaching at the Hinds School for less than a day when unearthly yells from the dental clinic, which was carried on in the staff room in those days, upset the work in my room. I must have looked bewildered because one of my pupils said, "That's all right, sir. It is only - - - - in the clinic. He always yells like that."

I wonder if that rings a bell for some of you ex-pupils.



### *Tailpiece*

The old lady was the mother of a companion-help, and she decided that the easiest way to catch the train for Christchurch was to travel to Hinds with the children of the family on their way to school in the spring dray.

Approaching the school down the Arundel Road it was easy in those days of more open country for the passenger to see that the old grey mare would need to show a better turn of speed—the train was steaming up the line to Hinds. She decided to take a hand by doubling the reins to lash the horse, but unfortunately lost her balance and followed the reins over the front. In her none too graceful fall she grabbed for support, but found only the horse's tail. This produced the turn of speed, and the horse with old lady, spring dray, and children in tow made a grand entry through the playground to the pony paddock. You couldn't blame the school children for laughing, could you?

Do you remember the copper trails when we made a trail of pennies on the verandah?

The penny concerts held in the old singing room.



## PAST JUBILEES

### 50th JUBILEE REACHED

December 16, 1930

### Hinds School Ceremony

#### MANY ENTHUSIASTIC RE-UNIONS

Though the weather conditions were somewhat wintry, there was a large attendance of ex-pupils, ex-teachers, and residents of the district at the celebration of the 50th jubilee of the Hinds School. Many old pupils from distant points were among those present and old memories were revived as former associations were renewed.

The ceremony opened with the hoisting of the flag by the jubilee patron (Colonel J. Studholme) and the singing of the National Anthem. Colonel Studholme then unveiled the roll of honour, and Colonel J. Findlay addressed the gathering, later calling for two minutes' silence out of respect to the memory of the fallen Hinds School pupils and of the old residents of the district who had died.

The chairman (Mr W. Musson) then addressed the assembly, all of whom signed the register, after which photographs of groups of ex-pupils were taken. Addresses were also given by a representative of the Canterbury Education Board, the County Chairman (Mr H. C. Withell), the Mayor of Ashburton (Mr R. Galbraith), Mr T. D. Burnett, M.P., Sir William Nosworthy, the chairman of the Coldstream Road Board (Mr G. Tait), ex-teachers and ex-pupils.

Memorial trees were planted by June Hampton (the youngest girl pupil of the school), assisted by Mrs Hickey, and by Arthur Chisnall (the youngest boy), assisted by Mr J. Hickey. A parade was also held, and children's sports were run off, afternoon tea being later supplied to the visitors in the Domain.

#### JUBILEE COMMITTEE 1930

S. Watson, C. D. Chisnall, J. Elms, J. Farrell, W. Musson, Col. Studholme, L. Chisnall, A. Annett, E. W. Morrin, J. Morris, Mesdames Frampton, W. Chisnall, S. Berry, E. Hanna, J. Farrell, W. Musson, J. Morris, J. M. Hampton, Miss N. Cowman, Miss M. Goad.

## THE SEVENTIETH JUBILEE

Thursday, 4 January, 1951

Three hundred people attended the 70th Anniversary.

Chairman, Mr C. D. C. Chisnall; Patron, H. C. B. Withell; Secretary, L. A. Gourlay; Treasurer, A. E. Grayburn.

Mr James Morris one of the oldest present cut the cake. Mr Adam Gibson a first day pupil, aged 80 years, came from Blenheim to be present and spoke of his first days at Hinds School. It was his first time back since 1883 and he was amazed at the progress of the district. In his days the place could hardly support a rabbit.

Mr Withell recalled the shortage of firewood for the school in its early days and how Mr Harding went to Mt Peel with his horse and cart one day and would load his wagon with wood and return the next day.

At the roll call two trees were planted. Mr Gibson and Mr Morris planted a tree in honour of all past pupils who lost their lives in two world wars. Mr C. Elms, Chairman School Committee, planted a tree in memory of the late Mr McDonald.

Mr Gourlay took the roll assisted by a past head Mr Pankhurst.

Mr Gibson was the only first day pupil present. Seven first decade pupils answered the roll.

Teachers present: Mrs Norrish (Miss E. Gunn), Mrs Syme (Miss Gudsell), Mrs G. Wilson (Mary McConnell), Miss B. Chisnall, A. Grayburn, E. Pankhurst and L. A. Gourlay.

The celebrations included a Banquet, Roll Call, Sports meeting and concluded with a Ball.

## 75th ANNIVERSARY OF HINDS SCHOOL

3rd January, 1956

Large numbers of former pupils of Hinds school attended the seventy-fifth anniversary celebrations of the school's opening in the school grounds.

In the morning a gathering was held at the school, followed by a banquet and the roll-call in the afternoon. Former pupils of the Ealing school, which was closed in 1939, held a short ceremony at the Ealing school before attending the main function at Hinds, and pupils of the Maronan school, which amalgamated with Hinds in 1937, were included in the function. A ball that evening brought the celebrations to a close.

At the opening of the banquet, a cake, with a tier for each of the three schools, was cut by Mrs J. Morris (Rennie) of the Hinds school, Mrs F. A. Hayne (who as Florence Shepperd) attended the Ealing school and Mrs W. Todd (Eva Galletly) of Maronan school. The cake was baked by the wife of the chairman, Mrs J. Davidson.

In answer to a toast to the local bodies, proposed by Mr T. P. Lowe, the Mayor of Ashburton (Mr E. C. Bathurst) said that the local bodies were directly concerned with education, as the Government had decreed that they should be represented on the secondary school boards. The borough, he said, was preparing for a big increase in population, as was the district, with its irrigation, and the increase would directly affect the school. The chairman of the county council (Mr G. Callaghan) also replied to the toast.

A toast to the schools, proposed by Mr R. G. Gerard, M.P., was replied to by the chairman, Mr J. Davidson.

Other toasts were to former pupils, proposed by Mr W. T. Lowe and replied to by Mr J. Prattley, of the Hinds school, Mr S. Galletly, of Ealing, and Mr S. Lister, of Maronan school; to "past teachers and committeemen" proposed by Mr H. C. B. Withell and answered by Mr W. L. Stewart for teachers and Mr W. Musson for former committeemen; and to the Canterbury Education Board, proposed by the chairman of the School Committee (Mr C. Elms) and answered by Mr S. J. Irwin, chairman of the Board, and Mr G. Edgar, the local Board member.

Mr Elms congratulated the headmaster of the Hinds school (Mr L. A. Gourlay) on his effort in making the occasion a success, and presented him with a wristlet watch on behalf of the School Committee.

After the banquet, a roll call was held at the school with the lists of former pupils divided into decades.

## JUBILEE OFFICIALS

J. Davidson, Chairman; L. A. Gourlay, Secretary; M. Wilson, Assistant Secretary; P. A. McLaren, Treasurer.



## HINDS SCHOOL NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, 9th January, 1971

Ten former pupils who enrolled at the Hinds School in its second decade, between 1891 and 1900, were among the gathering of nearly 500 former pupils, teachers, and school officials, and husbands or wives of former pupils who attended the school's ninetieth anniversary celebrations on Saturday.

The celebrations were an outstanding success, with former pupils coming from centres throughout New Zealand for the occasion. The anniversary programme comprised a roll call and reunion at the school in the afternoon, followed by a banquet in the evening, a conversazione, and a dance.

The earliest pupils at the school included Mr Nelson Hansen, of Lowcliffe, and Mrs M. Morris, of Hinds. Mr Hansen rang the school bell which signalled the start of the celebrations in the afternoon, and Mrs Morris cut the anniversary cake. Both were pupils in the second decade, which was represented by five men and five women.

Mr T. Tilson, another early pupil, planted a commemorative tree in the school grounds.

The banquet was attended by 350 former pupils, and was held in Dalgety New Zealand, Ltd's store. Guest speakers included the Ashburton County Council's chairman (Mr K. M. Baxter) and Mr Priest, representing the Canterbury Education Board. Speakers also included Mr L. A. Gourlay, a former headmaster.

The conversazione, after the banquet in Dalgety's store, proved popular with a large number of former pupils who swapped reminiscences of the school and district.

The anniversary dance in the Hinds Hall also attracted a capacity attendance.

### JUBILEE COMMITTEE, 1971

Patron: Mr R. A. Burnett; Chairman: Mr L. N. Chisnall; Vice-Chairman: Mr D. Good; Secretary: Miss P. Gill; Asst. Secretary: Mr B. Fahy; Treasurer: Mr C. Elms.

Committee: Mesdames G. Bird, I. Clark, P. Gibson, S. Harris, J. Lilley, Miss R. Pearce. Messrs R. Bennett, J. Bishop, W. Davison, G. Donaldson, J. Donaldson, W. Holland, R. Moore, K. McConnell, J. Ponder and J. Pratley.

# MARONAN SCHOOL

## First Day Pupils

Alice M. Galletly  
Leonard S. Galletly  
Eva D. Galletly  
Irene W. Higgs  
Maisie E. Higgs  
Ruby W. Higgs  
Fred J. W. Higgs  
Jack W. Higgs  
Leslie Husband  
Samuel J. Stone  
Gladys J. Stalker  
Phyllis E. Stalker  
Eric J. Stone

## School Committee Chairmen

1921-35 L. Galletly  
1936 J. Davidson

## Teachers

1921-22 Miss A. G. Brougham  
1923-27 Miss C. M. Armstrong  
1928-29 (Miss F. E. Thompson  
1930 (Mrs F. E. Hamber  
1931-33 Miss M. E. Rowe  
1934 W. P. McLauchlan  
1935 Miss K. Isitt  
1936 Mrs A. Young



MARONAN SCHOOL RE-UNION — 1956

Prior to 1921 the Maronan children of school age had attended the Lismore School and all social activities centred around Lismore. However, there were, in 1920 quite a number of very young children approaching school age and some parents felt that the long drive to and from Lismore—especially in winter—was a great disadvantage.

In those days the onus of getting children to school rested entirely with the parents; and not everyone had a vehicle or a driver at their disposal. But Maronan was fortunate: the Stalker family owned a pony cart, and Mr John Watson who farmed the property now owned by Mr Eric Husband had a large family and, to get his children to school, he put his spring cart on the road and allowed other children to ride in it.

All through the 1914-18 war years—and how much earlier I cannot say—the School Cart was as familiar a sight on the Maronan Road as was Mr Dennis O'Reilly's mail cart. Mr Watson received small service remuneration from the Education Department for carrying the extra children; 1/- per week per child in those days, and week in week out summer and winter the children had ridden to and from Lismore in the spring cart. One of the Watson children, a primary school boy or girl, was the driver, and at times up to a dozen children were transported. The roads were then very different from what they are to-day and there were open water races and side bridges to be negotiated. There was no shelter from the bitter winds that often swept across the plains and the spring cart with flat boards and seat, and open tail board (for there always seemed to be some children sitting on the floor at the back) afforded no protection from the weather.

So the residents of Maronan formed a committee and sent a petition to the Board of Education asking that a school be provided for the district. Mr Ernest Andrews (later Sir Ernest Andrews) and Mr Stanley Smith, members of the Board, notified their intention of coming to the district to look into the matter, and Mr W. H. Mulligan and Mr Len Galletly were asked to meet them.

It was a cold winter's day in 1920 and they were driven round the district and shown where the different families lived—took them along the road to the Lismore School, and they inspected a school site in Maronan.

It seemed obvious that the future of a school for Maronan rested with the Board members—but they were cautious men and seemed unable to come to a decision. Late in the afternoon they said they would go over and have another look at the school site and for some reason, I cannot remember, I was included in the party.

Just as we were about to turn into the Swamp Road I noticed the School Cart coming from the direction of the Maronan Bridge, and drew the men's attention to it; they were very interested so we waited for the vehicle to come up. As I said before—it was a cold day, bleak and damp with a hint of snow in the air. The heavily-laden cart came slowly down the road; its diminutive driver, Jimmy Watson, then probably 10 or 11 years of age, did his best with a frayed stick to hurry the tired horse along. The children sitting on the backless seats—and some on the floor—were huddled under



heavy coats and looked blue with cold, and utterly dejected. It was a sorry sight that one couldn't easily forget. It certainly was the deciding factor that turned the scales in favour of the school. The representatives of the district were told then and there that a school would be built in Maronan, and, if possible before another winter came round.

It was a grand occasion for Maronan when the School was officially opened early the following year. It was an afternoon function, and many notable visitors came to wish the district well. Mr Ernest Andrews made a most eloquent speech in which he expressed the desire of the Education Board that the building should be much more than a school.

It was, he said, to be used as a social and religious centre as well; a Community Centre for the good of adults as well as children. After a lavish afternoon tea, the walnut tree that now adorns the school grounds was planted by Mrs Galletly, Postmistress at Maronan, and the wife of the first Chairman of the Maronan School Committee.

—By Mrs Mignonette Mulligan, who arrived in Maronan in 1914.

The Maronan School opened on 21st February, 1921, with Miss G. Lloyd appointed the first teacher, and 14 pupils on the roll. These were followed within a few weeks by seven more pupils making a total of 21 pupils in the first year. Due to the sale of properties bringing new residents to the district, by the end of 1922, in the second year of the school's existence, the roll number had increased to 39.

The first Committee, with Mr L. Galletly as Chairman, comprised Messrs W. Johnston, J. Stalker, L. Stone, and W. H. Mulligan (Secretary and Treasurer). It is worthy of note that Mr L. Galletly held office as Chairman for fifteen years.

The school remained in existence for 16 years during which time 109 pupils passed through the school. Eleven members of the family of Mr Arthur Lister attended the Maronan School, perhaps a record for a small school. In June, 1936, with Mr J. Davidson as Chairman, a meeting of householders was called when Mr S. Smith (also present when the school opened) and Mr Armitage, members of the Education Board, spoke of the advantages small schools were enjoying through consolidation, and it was unanimously agreed to close the school in favour of having the children transported to Hinds, free of cost to parents for all time, and that the school building be left in the district for social and religious purposes. The school has served this purpose adequately for the past 44 years, and has been the scene of many happy gatherings.

## EALING SCHOOL

The earliest description of Ealing known to most of us is that made by Samuel Butler in his famous book "Erewhon" in which he describes a family leaving the train at a small desolate siding, Ealing, with only one lone cottage and a group of cabbage trees in sight.



EALING SCHOOL RE-UNION — 1956

These new settlers stood and watched the train wind its way slowly down round the "plateau" onto the rainway bridge over the Rangitata, then climbed into a wagon and set off on their long trek to the farm, "Erewhon", (nowhere reversed) which was to be their home on the banks of the Rangitata River. As years passed by settlers took up land, fenced it, and built homes. Mr Robert Tarbotton who had been largely instrumental in obtaining a school for Rangitata bought a farm at Ealing and moved into this district soon after the school he had worked so hard to procure had been opened. There were now some 20 children of school age scattered throughout the district and the only means of educating them was by sending them to Hinds School which meant driving 7 or miles in high awkward traps drawn by slow but safe



horses or by walking long distances to catch a slow train for the Winchester School, leaving Ealing at 8 a.m. and returning at 6.30 p.m., a long tiring day for small children. For some time this journey was taken daily by a family of Jacksons, Senior Sergeant Jackson, stationed in Ashburton for many years, being one of them.

Mr Tarbotton soon interested other residents in making application for a school at Ealing. Land was taken up opposite the railway station and a small building was erected in a large playground which served as a horse paddock as well as a playing area. Years later a horse paddock was fenced off as the horses were considered a danger to young children, but there is no record of any accident worse than that of a horse eating a child's lunch, although at times there were as many as eight horses about.

The original school consisted of one room, a porch and a coalshed. The schoolroom floor was built on four different levels (to prevent dances being held in the school it is said), two long desks with the inevitable forms being placed on each grade. Many a small child made his or her first entrance into the school by pitching head first over the lowest step. Church services and Sunday School were held in the school and the organ provided by the churches proved most useful for school singing. Dances were held in the goodshed and only those who had to empty, clean and insure it know the work involved. Supper was served from a railway truck covered with a tarpaulin and a piano had to be transported by means of a spring cart. The piano was generally loaned by that great-hearted post-mistress, Mrs Montgomery, whose hospitality and genial company many a weary traveller enjoyed while waiting for a train.

The first day pupils, admitted on 1st March, 1892, consisted of children from the families of Shepherd, Montgomery, Tarbotton, Tilson, Reddecliffe, Harris, Watkin and Ford, the first name appearing on the Roll being that of Florence A. Shepherd. Mr R. K. Parkerson was chairman of the first Committee, the first teacher in charge was young and pretty Miss Thompson who came to board in the home of the Shepherds. She was so lonely and home-sick that she spent most of her time in tears and at the end of two weeks she left the "back-block country" with its unformed roads to return to civilisation. Miss A. S. Dow then took up the position and so well did she like the district that after two years she married a Jackson and remained farming successfully for many years—incidentally several other teachers have followed her example.

In 1913 the Library was formed with books kept in a cupboard in the school porch. In 1919, the Ealing Hall was built by Messrs W. Wilson and W. Pester and the books were transferred to cupboards in the hall supper room. As soon as the hall was available the school children and equipment moved into the supper room while alterations were made to the school. The main room and porch were enlarged and the grading taken out of the floor, dual desks installed, new windows replacing all the old ones. These renovations were made during World War I and many old pupils will recall the following



incident. The Miniature Rifle Club held its meetings at the Hall, shooting from the supper room to a target shed near by: consequently empty cartridge shells were often swept into the fireplace. One cold day during a visit of a much respected inspector with a distinctly German surname, he was busy with the class when there was a sudden loud report and a bullet "pinged" across the room lodging itself in some undiscovered place without injuring anyone. The inspector's face went white, the teacher's red, and she had difficulty in convincing him that the incident was purely accidental. Not long afterwards the German surname was dropped in favour of the second name.

A detached shelter-shed was built and was found very useful in wet weather although calling for more supervision. After six months of great inconvenience both teacher and pupils were pleased to return to the school building with its bright sky-blue interior where for years chocolate-brown and yellow-ochre had cast their gloom.

During World War 1 the weekly ceremony of saluting the flag was introduced therefore a flagpole was erected in the playground where the children assembled. Great interest was taken each Monday morning in raising the flag, saluting it, and singing the National Anthem. After the war a machine gun came into the possession of the School Committee and was placed at the foot of the flagpole mounted on a huge block of concrete to ensure its safety. Years later when the idea of peace was taught rather than that of war, a wise committee had the gun removed and later some unauthorised person removed the flagpole.

As the years passed and school architecture improved, the shelter-shed was moved and attached to the sunny side of the school with double glass doors leading into the classroom. This admitted more sunlight and brightened the room considerably, a central heater was installed and the fireplace closed. The garden was fenced and planted with ornamental trees and garden plots and a pergola was built, all this being done under the influence of the teacher, Mrs Harwood, and her husband.

Even before amalgamation the Hinds School played an important part with regard to the smaller schools in the surrounding districts, for during the years when it was customary for schools to be grouped for the Proficiency examination, teacher and pupils of Standard 6 had to make their annual pilgrimage to Hinds, arriving at their destination armed with Examination Register containing records of term test, drawing books, and all the knowledge a teacher could cram into the heads of his or her pupils. Many were the modes of travel adopted for cars were almost unknown, horses were slow for long journeys, and trains were unreliable. Ealing pupils usually walked long distances to catch a train which did not arrive at Hinds until after 9.30 a.m. consequently receiving the handicap of an inspector's disapproval.

When Mrs Clement volunteered that she and her young son (later chairman of the School Committee) would take pupils and teacher in their new car, the offer was eagerly accepted. All went well until two miles from Hinds when "bang" went one of the tyres. No spare wheel in those good old days! Out everybody had to jump. Out came the tools from under the front seat, off came the wheel, the tyre, and lastly the tube which had to be mended, then everything and everybody replaced, the car once more on its way, the much-despised train in the meantime having gaily whistled past. Alas, Ealing was later than ever! The next year, Jill Oliver, one of the pupils, drove her big white horse in a buggy, Ealing was left at 7 a.m., the whip was used when occasion demanded it and for once Ealing arrived on time. In spite of the suspense and anxiety experienced at these examinations they were happy days of association with other teachers especially lunch and afternoon tea so generously and hospitably provided by the headmaster's wife, Mrs J. Cook.

During the lifetime of the school the roll fluctuated a great deal, opening with 19, and falling as low as 11, then increasing again when an assistant mistress was appointed. Thus one young teacher, coming straight from Training College, eager to do her compulsory country service, saw the School pass from Grade 1 to Grade 11 in 1913, then to Grade 111 in 1921. Several years later the School slipped back to Grade 11 and again came under a sole teacher. In 1939 while Maitland Watson was in charge a householders' meeting agreed that the School should be amalgamated with Hinds and a bus service was inaugurated, E. Clement, chairman, becoming the first bus driver. The school building then passed into the hands of the Protestant Churches and services and Sunday School are now held regularly.

In conjunction with the Hinds School 75th Jubilee a reunion of Ealing old pupils was held and as part of the celebration a Thanksgiving service was conducted by an old pupil and ex-chairman, the late H. C. B. Withell, from a handsome pulpit erected by an ex-pupil, the late Eric B. Withell, who with two other old pupils, Matthew Kirby and Stanley Gallagher, paid the supreme sacrifice while serving in the Air Force during World War II. To-day we remember with pride the achievements of old pupils scattered as far afield as Iowa, U.S.A. We think of Kathleen McDeage who won the only scholarship gained by an Ealing pupil, of D. G. Wallace and H. C. B. Withell who have been honoured by Her Majesty the Queen, and of many who have risen to high professional or military rank, and of others who have had or are still enjoying successful careers in trade, business, or farming pursuits. It is pleasing to note the great affection of the old pupils for the school of their childhood although that school has now been swept along on the tide of progress to a more modern level. Well may we ask with Sir Thomas Bracken, "It this the price we pay, the price for progress?"

Long may the influence of the old school and the new be felt in the Ealing district.

### First Day Pupils

Florence A. Shepherd  
 Olive M. Shepherd  
 Annie J. Montgomery  
 Robert G. Tarbotton  
 Faith A. Tarbotton  
 Mary R. Tarbotton  
 George R. Tarbotton  
 Sidney J. Tilson  
 Isabella Reddecliffe  
 James Reddecliffe  
 Lavinia B. Reddecliffe  
 Henry Harris  
 Janey Harris  
 Martha A. Watkin  
 May Ford  
 Emily Ford  
 Harriet Ford

### School Committee Chairmen

1892 R. K. Parkerson  
 1893 H. T. Shepherd  
 1894 R. K. Parkerson  
 1895-96 R. Tarbotton  
 1897-1900 G. Tilson  
 1901 J. H. Good  
 1902-03 G. McKeague  
 1904 W. Jackson  
 1905 J. Withell  
 1906-12 G. McKeague  
 1913-14 J. Crawford  
 1915-28 A. Wallace  
 1929-32 H. C. Withell  
 1933-37 A. Donaldson  
 1938-39 E. V. Clement

### Teachers

1892-94	Miss A. S. Dow	1925-26	R. J. Ford
1895-98	Miss A. Sawle	1927	Miss M. Morrison
1899	Mrs A. McDonald	1928	A. M. D. Greig
1900	Miss J. Fechney	1929-31	H. S. Smith
1901	Mrs A. Wilkinson	1932-35	Mrs K. Harwood
1902-04	Mrs M. McKeage	1936	Miss M. L. White
1905-10	Miss K. R. White	1937	B. Price
1911	Miss H. S. Copland	1938	Mrs I. M. Cameron
1912-23	Miss E. Knox	1939	M. Watson
1924	Miss S. M. Watson		

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